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Religious News Service Photos of New York has compiled these photographs to highlight the first six months of 1979. Top row from left: A Tel Aviv hamburger stand operator called his business "MacDavid" and McDonald's sued him. Vietnamese boat people arrive in Israel, joining almost 200 Vietnamese in Israel already. PLO official, Ali Salameh, is assassinated in Beirut by unknown assailants believed to be Israeli hit men. Middle row from left: Ceremonies mark 100th birthday of Albert Einstein. President Carter places wreath at Yad Vashem. The head of state of Israel, Egypt and U.S. shake hands after peace treaty between Cairo and Jerusalem is signed in Washington, D.C. Bottom row from left: Iranian Jewish businessman, Habib Elghanian, appears in an Islamic courtroom just before being executed for being "Zionist spy". Palestinian disturbances rock the West Bank. Members of neo-Nazi White Power Party defy an angry crowd in Parma, Ohio.

'Long overdue'

Organizations aim for co-ordination

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

After what one participant called a "long overdue" meeting, Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region, and the Canadian Zionist Federation, Eastern Region, have agreed to better co-ordinate their activities in "the best interests of the total community."

Specifically, the two bodies have decided that Israel-related matters should primarily be within the domain of CZF, and that CJC should concern itself with issues of direct interest to Canadian Jewry.

In keeping with this agreement, CJC's Quebec Region will not establish an Israel-affairs committee, as has been done in the other regions, said chairman Edward Wolkove.

CZF, however, will retain its Soviet Jewry Committee because the issue does not fall under either category exclusively.

These points emerged after a meeting of both organizations' officers and some professionals held last week at the CZF headquarters. Both parties also decided that such meetings should be held regularly on a rotating basis and the next one is tentatively scheduled for the end of August at Samuel Bronfman House.

Wolkove, who declared that the establishment of closer ties between CJC and other organizations in Montreal was one of his main objectives when he became chairman last December, said there was a desire to create a "more formalized relationship" with CZF rather than continuing with informal relationships between individuals from each organization as had existed. He also pointed out that the two organizations have a number of leaders in common (Wolkove himself is also treasurer of CZF), and that they are already sponsoring partners of the Canada-Israel committee and the Jewish Education Council.

One of the most obvious areas where greater coordination is needed is in the organization of community-wide events. CZF was miffed this year when the religious department of CJC held its own Yom Yerushalayim activities infringing on its traditional, but never specified jurisdiction.

Several weeks ago, a similar meeting was held between CJC and Communaute Sepharade Du Quebec leaders which resulted in the formation of a committee, chaired by Howard Roiter, which will explore areas where greater cooperation can be achieved.

In other developments, CJC, Quebec Region, and B'nai B'rith met recently as part of their ongoing discussions of the future of the Joint Community Relations Committee.

Wolkove said B'nai B'rith has been invited to sit on CJC's Joint Community Relations Committee, which was set up by past chairman Dr. Melvyn Schwartzben following the rupture in relations with B'nai B'rith last year. The committee, chaired by Frank Schlesinger, has been expanded to include individuals associated with Allied Jewish Community Services and other organizations since the disbanding of the Jewish Community Research Institute.

Russians adapting to their new land

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

[First of Two Parts]

TORONTO —

Gregory Bruskin drives a new Volvo and lives in a spacious townhouse he owns in Don Mills. Five years ago, upon his arrival from Russia, Bruskin had $250 in his pocket. To support his family, he pumped gas and plucked chickens. In Leningrad, his hometown, he had been a well-paid actor.

Today, Bruskin's career as an actor is a mere memory. For the last three years, he has run the Barmalay, a highly successful Russian restaurant which Toronto dailies and local magazines have reviewed. "I'm the luckiest man in the world," he says. "And when I wake up each morning, I thank my lucky star."

He adds, "All my friends have done well in Canada. We've really worked hard. We want to work. I work seven days a week. That's why this restaurant is still open."

If there is one trait Canada's 4,500 Russian Jewish immigrants have in common, it is their willingness to work harder than the next person, to sacrifice personal comfort for the sake of getting ahead.

"We get on our feet pretty quickly," says Elena, who teaches Russian in a French school here. "We become independent."

"We come from the moon, from another system and another world," observes Michael Lefel, president of the New Canadians from the Soviet Union Inc., an umbrella organization serving the needs of the immigrants. "But we've had few major problems. In Russia, everybody works hard. All out life we've worked like dogs. We're used to it. We feel sick when we don't work. We'll take any job to see us through."

Donald Schwartz, a University of Toronto political scientist who has worked with Toronto's 3,000 or so Soviet immigrants, says the majority of Russians arrive with high expectations of succeeding materially. Most go through a rough period of readjusting to an entirely different society but after a few years they find their feet. "They're living better than most immigrants. Unlike some other immigrants, they were prepared for conditions in Canada."

They're professionally trained, they've lived in urban areas, they're industrious and they come from a country where hard work is associated with success."

Maurice Benzacar, a caseworker at Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, echoes Schwartz. "They don't stay on our rolls for long. They become productive in a relatively short period of time."

According to Benzacar, the overwhelming bulk of new Russians in Canada today are Jews. In the last decade, about 100,000 Russian Jews have been permitted to leave their land of birth. All of them were able to emigrate because of the Israeli visas in their possession. Only about 50,000, however, have opted for Israel, with the remainder having gone to North America, Western Europe and Australia.

Benzacar says they began arriving in Canada about six or seven years ago, shortly after the Soviet government modified its normally tight emigration regulations. They're still coming to this country at the rate of 20 to 30 families per month, some directly from Russia via Rome and others from Israel.

They prefer settling in Toronto, which they view as a city of unlimited opportunity. Most of them hail from big cities—Odessa, Kiev, Leningrad, Moscow. On the whole, the Russians are an educated lot. "They had positions in the Soviet Union," says Benzacar, a native of Morocco. "They were established."

Despite the material success they enjoyed in the Soviet Union, they were unhappy living there. "I left because I wanted to be free," Gregory Bruskin explains. "Even when I washed dishes in Canada, I was happy."

Arkady, an engineer, says he was brought up to love the Soviet Union and Communism. But he grew to dislike the system after listening to foreign radio broadcasts and meeting tourists. "I discovered we were cheated by our history. I was shocked when I met my first foreigner. Contrary to the myth I believed, he was not fat, nor did he shout at people. He did not conform to the stereotypes ascribed to capitalism. And when I came to Canada, I realized that people weren't dying on the streets of starvation."

As well, they emigrated because they felt the government was trying to stifle Jewish culture. Ironically enough, few of them are acquainted with Judaism, Jewish history or Israel. "Except for the elderly, they didn't know anything," Benzacar says. "Once they settle down here, they're hungry to learn about their heritage. They want to belong. Some of them insist on being circumcized, or giving their sons Bar Mitzvahs."

Elena, for example, observes Friday Sabbath now that she's in Canada. Yet she still thinks of herself as an athiest. "From the first days of our lives we were told there is no God. It's hard to change after so many years. But our children believe and they even demand we keep kosher homes."

Lefel says the New Canadians from the Soviet Union Inc. runs a Sunday school where Hebrew and religion are taught. And the Board of Jewish Education here reveals that an increasing number of parents send their children to afternoon Hebrew schools throughout Toronto.

(Ben Lechtman photo)

Russian immigrant Gregory Bruskin, a grin of success on his face, stands in front of his townhouse and new Volvo. A former actor, he owns a restaurant.

Radio show comments spark accusations of insensitivity

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Jewish communal leaders have described as "disparaging," "untrue" and "thoughtless" a CFRB radio commentary aired last week in Toronto.

They were reacting to an editorial voiced on the **Let's Be Personal** show by Bill McVean, a veteran of CFRB, the largest private radio station in Canada.

McVean, discussing a recent piece by writer Larry Zolf on the subject of dual loyalty, asserted that the controversy over whether Canada should move its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem had brought the issue of double loyalty to a head.

The radio commentator, referring to Zolf's article, noted: "He was, of course, speaking of the Canadian Jew, and he put his finger on something which has bothered many Canadians for a long time. How come a Jew, whose ancestors have been Canadians for some centures, still feels like a citizen of Israel? Not just an ethnic or a religious Jew, but politically an Israelite. How is this possible?

"That is a rhetorical question, and I **know** the answers Jews will give me, so don't bother calling and telling me **all over** again."

McVean said he agreed with Zolf's observation that the flap over the embassy "singled the Canadian Jewish community out as different, as having **double loyalty,** to make them appear as **un-Canadian**."

Let's Be Personal, a five-minute commentary, is heard at 11:45 a.m. by an audience estimated at 278,000 by the BBM Bureau of Measurement. Broadcaster Gordon Sinclair usually does the show on week days and McVean on Saturdays. Sinclair was on vacation last week when McVean filled in for him.

Bill McVean

Ben Kayfetz, executive director of the Joint Community Relations Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith, called McVean's editorial "disparaging, offensive and insensitive."

"It sounds like he's saying that Canadian Jews owe their primary loyalty to Israel, which isn't true."

In an interview with The Canadian Jewish News, McVean said he was not speaking personally but for many Canadians.

He said he has "a gut feeling" that some, or many, Canadians are under the impression that Canadian Jews consider their allegiance to Israel to be stronger than their loyalty to Canada.

In his private view, Jews owe their main loyalty to Canada. "Canadian Jews are no more Israelite than I'm Scotch..."

McVean said most Canadians are "becoming critical of the Canadian Jewish attitude that Israel, politically, is always right. I am afraid there is a danger that this thing might grow into an anti-Semitic thing. I'm sounding an alarm."

He said he is "disturbed" that Canadian Jews haven't "counter-acted" this feeling. Asked how Jews could reverse this impression among their fellow Canadians, he replied: "By not coming on so strongly..."

Canadians, he added, are "annoyed that they're automatically expected to fall into line" insofar as Israel's policies are concerned.

"A number of my Jewish friends have said this to me."

McVean said he hasn't taken a survey to determine sentiment among Canadians regarding Jews and Israel. "I sort of perceive a danger... It's a gut feeling."

He said he is personally neutral on the Arab-Israel dispute. "I make a judgment on the issues. But generally, I'm much more pro-Israel than Arab bloc."

McVean said Kayfetz's response proved his point that Canadian Jews are over-sensitive regarding Israel. "There's an over-sensitivity among Jews which reacts in a very violent way to criticism, whether it's justified or not."

He commented that Kayfetz "was looking at it (the issue in question) subjectively. I'm looking at it objectively."

Donald Insley, general manager of CFRB, said Kayfetz's characterization of McVean's commentary was "absolutely nonsense."

Rabbi Gunther Plaut, national president of Canadian Jewish Congress, said he was taken aback by McVean's on-air views. "(He) is neither the first, nor will he be the last, to raise the issue of double loyalty."

Plaut elaborated: "...there are some things he can learn about Canadian Jews. He might find out that what to him appears as double loyalty is in fact a deep and historic attachment to a religious hope, and, at the same time, a sense of kinship with our brothers in Israel.

"There is no group more keenly committed to Canada's welfare than the Jewish community, and its contribution is second to none. We have nothing to apologize for, and are saddened that Bill McVean would say something like that to so wide an audience."

Rabbi David Monson, national president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, said:

"Sure, we love Israel. Our whole religion is centered around Israel. We never left Israel. We're Siamese twins with the Jews of Israel. The Jewish people is one family. Don't Roman Catholics love Rome? Don't the Irish speak of Mother Ireland? Don't Italians love Italy?"

Canadian citizens, he emphasized, can have dual loyalties without being disloyal to the nation in which they live.

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, national chairman of the Joint Community Relations Committee, said he deplored McVean's remarks. He stressed they were untrue.

"The primary loyalty of most Jews I can speak for is to the nation to which they've pledged allegiance. Canadian Jews are primarily concerned with the welfare of Canada. This isn't to underestimate the special place of Israel in the hearts of Canadian Jews.

"The assertion of dual-loyalty is something Jews have had to live with in spite of extraordinary cases of war heroism by Jews."

Make great mistake

LONDON [JCNS] —

The Jewish people had made "one of their greatest mistakes" over the entire problem of Soviet Jewry, according to Dr. Nahum Goldmann.

Dr. Goldmann, the founder president of the World Jewish Congress, was the guest of the B'nai B'rith First Lodge of England. He said: "I have maintained from the first, that the Jewish problem in Russia is doublefold. The main problem is Jewish life in Russia and the number two problem is emigration. The majority of Russian Jews will never emigrate. The first priority is to see that every Jew should be allowed to live a Jewish life." Jews were "always extreme in their reactions," said Dr. Goldman. "The great art of Jews is to complain. We selected the easier way. Protest is very easy. We neglected the whole aspect of Jewish life in Russia and we concentrated on emigration."

Dr. Goldmann said that the Russian estimate of Jews who wanted to leave the Soviet Union was about 250,000. "They regard these people as a potential threat, so they have decided to let them go. Not all at once, but in three or four years. Then it will be finished. We are sacrificing two-and-a-half-million Jews, who in one generation will cease to be Jews, for 250,000 emigrants. They are not as important as two-and-a-half-million Jews. Emigration you can get by protest. Jewish life in Russia you can get by diplomacy, but we have created a situation where you can't do both." And, Dr. Goldmann added, "The Russians have come to the conclusion that Jews are the major enemies of Russia in the world. But without the consent of Russia there will never be peace in the Middle East."

Dr. Goldmann predicted that within the next couple of years there would be complete peace for Israel. "Despite all my criticisms, and the isolation of Israel, I think there will be pressure on the Arabs and Israel to make peace because the rest of the world will be tired of the trouble in the Middle East."

The Chief Rabbi, Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, debated some of Dr. Goldmann's more controversial points during the latter half of the evening.

Layton adds support to student struggle

MONTREAL —

Canadian poet Irving Layton has added his voice to those protesting the continued mistreatment of Jews in the Soviet Union despite efforts by the Soviet government recently to demonstrate otherwise to the western countries.

"We must not allow ourselves to be fooled," wrote Layton in a signed letter given to the student struggle for Soviet Jewry on the eve of the first anniversary of Anatoly Scharansky's sentencing.

The increase in Jewish emigration and the release of seven Jewish prisoners in recent months are improvements over the past, wrote the York University professor, "but we must not allow ourselves to be swept up in a wave of optimism."

"If we look beyond the newspaper headlines and rumors, we find that the situation for Soviet Jews is not quite as bright as depicted."

Layton notes that in the last year 12 more Jews have been imprisoned and that the number of Jews applying for exit visas is also rising at a greater rate than those being permitted to leave. Anti-Semitism, he added, runs unchecked in the Soviet media and on the streets.

"All this indicates that these 'improvements' are an effort by the Soviet government to create complacency in the west."

After the Scharansky trial last summer author Mordecai Richler issued a statement to the SSSJ condemning the lack of human rights in the Soviet Union.

World News

World in Hebrew

By JOSEPH KLINGER

עובדתון: מכון קרן התרבות במוסקווה יודפסו חומשים בעברית: ראש קהילת מוסקווה ר' יעקב מיקנברג, הודיע כי שלטונות בריה"מ הירשו להנהלת בית הכנסת הגדול במוסקווה להדפיס 5000 חומשים בעברית. זהו מקרה ראשון מאז המהפכה הבולשוויסטית שבו מתירים השלטונות הסובייטים הדפסה של חומשים בעברית. לדברי העיתון "אלגמיינר ז'ורנאל" הירשו השלטונות ברוסיה להביא 1500 סליחות מחו"ל בצורת מתנה, ו-500 מהן נשלחו כבר.

נמצאו שרידי בית-כנסת ברמת-הגולן: בגולן היה קיים יישוב יהודי גם בתקופת המשנה. דבר זה אפשר ללמוד משרידי בית-הכנסת שנתגלו לאחרונה בחפירות ארכיאולוגיות מצפון-מזרח לקצרין, נתגלו שרידים של בית כנסת עשיר אשר התקיים במשך שנים רבות, נמצאו ספסלי אבן לישיבה, עמודים מקושטים בפרחים ומנורות של שבעה קנים ושל תשעה קנים, ועל אחד המשקופים היה חרות השם "אבן בר יוסה".

מס ערך מוסף יוחזר לתיירים: בקרוב יוכלו התיירים לקבל החזר של מס ערך מוסף על קניות שעשו "בחנויות הרשומות לתיירים". הסדר זה נמצא בשלבי עיבוד סופיים ותיכר אשר עוזב את ישראל יוכל לדרוש את החזר המע"מ באחד מנמלי היציאה תמורת הצגת חשבון הקניה.

תרומה לבי"ס ימי בעכו: נדבנים מהולנד ובריטניה תרמו סכום של 4.5 מיליוני ל"י למען רכישת האניה "אקרבו" שכעת בדושתה של חברה בריטית. האניה תופעל ע"י בית-הספר בעכו ותחליף כלי-שיט קטנים וישנים. האניה תתאים לפעילות לימודית בכל המקצועות הימיים וכוללת מגורים ל-60 תלמידים, האניה מיודעת להפלגות קצרות לאיים היווניים ולאורך חופי הארץ.

תערוכת התנ"ך בתל-אביב: תערוכת התנ"ך של השנה מוקדשת לספר "שמות", בתערוכה נמצאים 225 ציורים נבחרים שמויינו מתוך 2000 עבודות. בתערוכה השתתפו ילדים מ-72 בתי-ספר בתל-אביב ומ-3 בתי-ספר בחיפה ובירושלים, העבודות נבחרו על פי מקוריותן, עצמיותן והביטוי האישי שבהן.

מכירת פרחים מישראל לאנגליה: "מארקס אנד ספנסר" רשת החנויות המתמחה בעיקר במכירת בגדים עומדת כעת למכור בחנויותיה פרחים מישראל, הפרחים יהיו ארוזים בזרים קטנים, עטופים בנייר צלופן שעליו הכתובת "כרמל". ההערכה היא שהמכירה תעזור לקידום נוסף של יצוא הפרחים לאנגליה. הפרח הישראלי קנה לו מקום חשוב ולא רק בחנויות המיוחדות המוכרות פרחים, אלא גם בדוכני הסופרמרקטים השונים בבריטניה. רבע מהיצוא החקלאי הישראלי נמכר באנגליה והשנה נוספה עליה נוספת במכירות האבוקדו, תות-השדה, הפלפל, הסלרי והבצל.

סיוע לאחיות בעיירות-פיתוח: האחיות בבתי-החולים בעיירות-פיתוח יקבלו משכורות יותר גבוהות מאשר האחיות בערים הגדולות. כמו כן יקבלו תוספת כספית להחזקת ילד במעון. אחות שתסכים לעבוד שנתיים בעיר-פיתוח תקבל גם הלוואה של עשרת אלפים לירות והיא לא תצטרך להחזיר את הכסף אם תעבוד שנתיים במקום. אחיות בחדרי-הניתוח יקבלו תוספת מיוחדת של 500 לירות בחודש.

שחמטאים ישראלים: שלושה מבכירי השחמט הישראלי ישתתפו באחד השלבים של אליפות העולם בשחמט. שלושת הישראלים הם: ולאדימיר ליברזון, שמעון כגן ויהודה גרינפלד. התחרות האיזורית נערכת בלוצרן בשויץ ו-22 שחמטאים מאירופה המערבית יתחרו בה.

(IPPA)

A father prays over the grave of his brother, who fell in one of Israel's wars with the Arabs. Over 12,000 Israelis have died since 1948.

Bank Leumi finances new $75 million issue

TEL AVIV — A $75 million Eurodollar issue financing was successfully completed on the day it was offered by Bank Leumi Le-Israel in what is said to be the largest international offering ever by an Israeli concern, it was announced here last week.

The new capital, which follows $90 million in Eurodollar financing for Bank Leumi during the past three years, will be used for the expansion of the international activities of Bank Leumi, this country's largest financial group.

In direct reflection of this overseas expansion trend Bank Leumi revealed acquisition this week of 11 branches of Bankers Trust Corp., one of the largest banks in the United States. Located in New York City, the branches have total deposits of approximately $150 million. Bank Leumi New York will operate 21 branches, it was noted, while the entire Leumi Group will have a total of 54 overseas branches and offices, out of a total of 406 branches. As of the end of 1978 Bank Leumi's assets exceeded $13 billion.

Rabbi urges boycott of kosher food stores because of profiteering

FALLSBURG, N.Y. [JTA] — A "selected boycott" of the kosher food market has been urged by Rabbi Bernard Rosenzweig, president of the Rabbinical Council of America. He denounced "the profiteering which exploits Jewish consumers," at the 43rd annual convention of Orthodox rabbis at the Pineview Hotel here. "The prices of kosher foods, particularly prior to Jewish holidays, is unconscionable," he said. "The ensurement of kashrut in itself cannot account for such astronomical prices which reflects greed without conscience.

"Young couples struggle under the impact of such exploitation and undoubtedly as a result, find themselves unable to maintain their religious observance. I suggest," Rosenzweig added, "that organized Jewish communities undertake selected boycotts to force legislation of unjustifiably high prices. There is ample Talmudic precedence for such action. In the long run, such exorbitant pricing will drive marginal Jews away from kashrut and therefore, be most hurtful to the entire kashrut industry."

Tisha B'Av publication available at no cost

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — A new publication, the "Tisha B'av Home Reader," has been prepared and will be distributed free by Congregation Kol Yisroel Chaverim and its public service arm, the Jewish Community Information Council. The new folder-leaflet will be sent out to all who request it in time for the observance of the Tisha B'Av Fast Day which will be observed on August 2. Rabbi R. Dobin, Spiritual Leader of the Congregation, edited and prepared the publication. Requests for free copies, accompanied by a self-addressed envelop should be sent to Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin, Tisha B'Av Home Reader, 39 Putnam Blvd., Atlantic Beach, New York, 11509.

The historical observance of Tish B'Av commemorates the destruction of the First Temple of Jerusalem in the year 586 BCE by the Babylonians, as well as the destruction of the Second Temple by Titus and his Roman hordes in the year 70 CE. Historians record that on Tisha B'Av, the ninth day of the Jewish month of Av, in the year 135 CE the second war of independence led by Bar Cochba and Rabbi Akiva against the Romans ended with the fall of Betar. It is a tragic coincidence that the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492 also began on this same black-letter day in Jewish history.

Gedalia Schorr

Noted rabbi dies

By VIVIEN SHARON

Rabbi Gedalia Schorr, the first American-educated rabbi to become the head of an American yeshiva, died suddenly on July 1 in Brooklyn, New York. He was 69.

For some 30 years and until his death, Rabbi Schorr was the dean of Yeshiva Torah V'daath in Brooklyn, the second oldest yeshiva in the United States. It was founded by U.S. educator and Orthodox Jewish leader, Faivel Mendelowitz, after the first world war.

Schorr, born in Poland, settled in Brooklyn with his family in 1910 at the age of 11. At 18, he was already a lecturer at the yeshiva, and at 22, taught the more sophisticated subjects. Later he was elevated to dean.

As an active member of Agudat Israel of America, he was sent to Vienna as a delegate to the Great Assembly of Agudat Israel in 1929 at the age of 19. In later years he became involved in Torah Umesorah, an organization which establishes Orthodox day schools across the U.S. He also has many articles published in Hebrew to his credit.

In 1938 he married Shifra Izbe of Detroit and went to Kletsk, Poland to do post-graduate work with the late Rabbi Horav Kotler, dean of the yeshiva. The same yeshiva, for advanced non-professional talmudic study, was later transplanted in Lakewood, New Jersey.

"They were on the boat back to America," says Rabbi Gedalia Felder, of Toronto's Shomrai Shaboth Chevra Mishnayoth and first cousin to the late rabbi, "just as the war broke out.

"He was a warm, reserved man," recalls Felder, who is also chairman of the rabbinical kashrut committee, Orthodox Division, Canadian Jewish Congress and member of the Beth Din of America. "He was liked and had a close rapport with and much influence over his students."

And that was evident as more than 10,000 persons, many of whom were his former students and colleagues, attended the funeral held in Brooklyn.

Eulogies, delivered by such noted scholars as Rabbi Sekula, spiritual advisor of Yeshiva Torah V'daath, Rabbi Shneur Kotler, head of the yeshiva in Lakewood (son of the late Rabbi Horav Kotler), and Rabbi M. Bick, famous New York scholar, stressed "his great scholarship, particularly in Talmud and Hasidim, his humility and his kindness," said Felder, who also eulogized his late cousin.

Schorr, who was well known in yeshiva circles in Israel, was buried on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, where he was remembered by prominent Knesset leaders and heads of yeshivas.

He leaves his wife, Shifra, four sons, all rabbis, and four daughters, all married to rabbis, to continue his tradition.

Israel scientists planning to take chemicals from sea

TEL AVIV [JCNS]— Israeli scientists are planning to extract uranium from the rich chemical deposits under the Dead Sea for nuclear power generation, to help relieve the fuel shortage which has increased since Iranian oil supplies have been cut.

The Dead Sea site contains the world's largest single deposit of chemicals, and engineers of Israel Chemical Industries are developing an installation based on a known patent to extract uranium in the production of phosphoric acid, Eliahu Tiomkin, the company's director-general, said.

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MEETING THEIR CLASSMATES

Montreal high school graduates crowd around Moshe Margolin, director of Hebrew University's services department (right, with beard), during an orientation meeting prior to going to Israel for one-year program.

MONTREAL —

More than 1,000 students from the United States and Canada — 50 Montrealers among them — have been attending orientation meetings in their cities to prepare them for Israeli life before they leave for various one-year programs at Hebrew University's School for Overseas Students (SOS) this fall.

Though some have visited Israel at one time or another the new students are being specially prepared for the experience of campus life in Jerusalem by Moshe Margolin, student coordinator and currently director of the University Service Department.

A 28-year-old American who first came to Israel in 1972 on a scholarship from the Friends of Hebrew University, Margolin has been with the SOS for the past three years.

Though other institutions of higher learning have overseas programs involving some 6,000 students, Hebrew University attracted more than half the total and is by far the largest centre for foreign students with a broad and varied program taught in Hebrew, French, English, Spanish and Russian.

"Over a third of the 3,000 students attending SOS courses this year are from Canada and the United States and we are looking for a considerable increase," Margolin said.

Hebrew University created the special program for overseas students in 1955 when a one-year study project was established for Canadian and American students. The school itself was opened on Mount Scopus in October 1971 to accommodate the increasing popularity of the program.

"We were answering a number of needs," Margolin explained. "First, we were aiding Diaspora Jewry in providing facilities for training teachers and community leaders, as well as providing special studies to ease the integration of foreign students into the existing degree programs at Hebrew University and into Israeli society."

Speaking before student gatherings in Montreal and Toronto, Margolin stressed the demands that life on Jerusalem's busy university campus are expected to make on Canadians leaving for the fall start of their year's study.

"You will live on university-provided housing on the campus as well as supervised off-campus dormitories," he told them. "You will be two in a room, with kitchen facilities for light housekeeping and there will be a cafeterias, shopping, laundry and post offices generally in the dormitory complexes.

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Gershon Golan, national administrator for the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, in charge of the program across the country, said 125 Canadian students will leave for Israel in the coming weeks, many to improve their Hebrew at University ulpans.

"Although courses are taught in English, French and other languages the basic teaching language remains Hebrew," he pointed out. "The purpose is to work in Hebrew after all."

Among the 50 students from Montreal are Jeffrey Felson, Lynda Gold and Joann Williams, who are part of the McGill Teacher's Training Program sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation in conjunction with McGill's Jewish Studies Department, and Paul Marcus, a Herzliah High School honor graduate, recipient of a Canadian Friends scholarship for excellence in Hebrew and Jewish studies.

Nachman Shemen is Canada's Yiddish literary lion

By DAVID BIRKAN

Nachman Shemen, propelled back and forth across Canada by his duties as executive director of both the Vaad HaKashruth of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, and the Orthodox Division of the Toronto Jewish Congress, is a lion in the guise of a hare. A literary lion, that is: his recently published two-volume set on Jewish family life, in Yiddish, is the latest offering in a torrent of erudition that has spanned more than 50 of his 68 years now.

Sanctity in Jewish Family Life, in fact, recently won the I.J. Segal Prize for Canadian Jewish writing, administered by the Montreal Jewish Public Library. Typically, Rabbi Shemen was too busy with his kashruth duties to accept the prize at the Montreal presentation in person. The award was his third. His book **Lublin** (1951) and a two-volume set **The Jewish Attitude to Labour** (1955) won official accolades from the Canadian Jewish Congress and Mexico City's Jewish community, respectively.

Sitting in the hurricane's eye of his Beverley Street office, Shemen talked to The Canadian Jewish News about his work.

"Since the time of World War II, I have confined myself to writing strictly about Jewish topics of concern," said Shemen. All his books—these include **Rabbi Judah Yudl Rosenberg**, (1943), **Jewish Attitude Towards the Non-Jew** (1945), **Biography of A Warsaw Rabbi** (1949), **Religious Socialism** (1953), and **Dos Gezang Fun Chassiduth** (1959)—and his contributions to Yiddish newspapers in Canada, the United States, and Israel have made him one of the world's leading social-religious commentators.

"All my works have their source in three things: the Bible, the Talmud and various rabbinic studies."

He came to Toronto from Lublin, Poland, in 1930, at the age of 17, to join his father, who himself was one of the city's most respected scholars. "Nobody could leave Poland, even so many years before the outbreak of the war, if they were of military age," said Shemen. "Had I stayed several months longer, I would have been called up to the army."

While studying English, Shemen supported himself by giving private classes in Talmud and Bible. At the same time, he started on his prolific writing career, contributing on an almost daily basis to the then flourishing Toronto Hebrew Journal, as well as to papers in the U.S. and Europe, including his native Poland. "I wrote essays on politics, mainly; and reviews, as well as some strictly Jewish things." He also authored two books on the world scene at that time, **Fascism in Europe** (1933), and **Between War and Peace** (1939).

But his involvement in the growth of a flourishing Toronto yeshiva, no longer in operation, and his subsequent role in the development of Eitz Chaim Schools' prototype on D'Arcy Street, combined with his own background and inclinations, led him to Jewish scholarship.

"In Jewish religious life, you can have social ethics and respect for workers and the working class," said Shemen. "The creators of the Talmud were workers. Workers have contributed to Jewish thought throughout the ages. The spirit of the prophets was all for social justice." Shemen pointed out that two leading religious Jewish organizations, Mizrachi and Agudath Israel, started branch movements after World War I to strengthen the role of labor. Shemen's concern with labor led him to writing his celebrated two-volume study, each of about 500 pages, that earned him the Mexican prize in 1955.

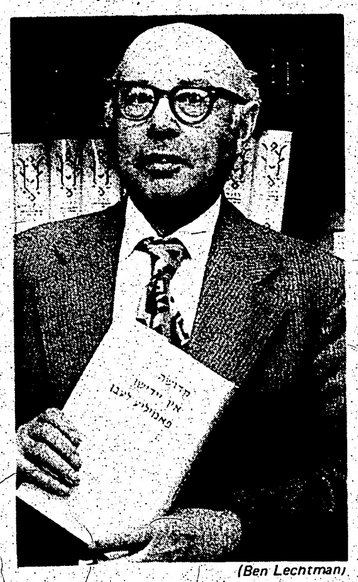
A chance remark became for him the challenge that resulted in another of his celebrated two-volume studies. "Why are women second-class citizens in Orthodoxy?" he was asked. "After all, isn't there a section of the morning prayers thanking God for not having made the man a woman?" From his own experience of family life, he knew that such an accusation was untrue. The particular prayer was an expression of relief for being spared the pains of pregnancy, childbirth and other feminine travails, not an expression of masculine superiority.

"I decided to do some research into the matter, to see what the basic Jewish texts had to say on the role of women," said Shemen. One thing led to another, and typically for Shemen, the result was a two-volume work entitled **The Jewish Attitude Toward the Woman**. It was as comprehensive as the others were on their subjects. In other words, it became the most comprehensive study on the subject in print.

Shemen's latest study, **The Sanctity in Jewish Family Life**, deals with topics ranging from halachic precepts for family life to the role of women in science and literature. The recently published second volume starts with a discussion of the type of physical and spiritual love sought within marriage, the type described in the biblical Song of Solomon.

With the exception of a small effort years ago in Hebrew, all of Shemen's work is in Yiddish. Shemen concedes that his books, as relevant as they are, would reach a larger audience if they were in English. "We have been trying to get a translator," he said. "Because of the work involved and the background needed, the right person has just not turned up yet."

A telephone call reminding Shemen of an upcoming appointment ended the interview. The social-religious commentator became once again Canada's leading kashruth worker, as he prepared to make his way to another inspection.



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Nachman Shemen

Technion head is re-elected

HAIFA —

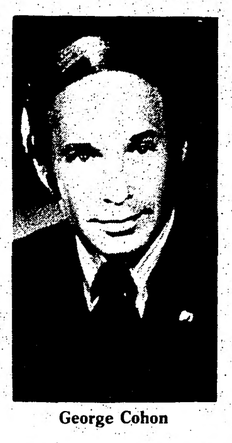
Evelyn de Rothschild of Great Britain was unanimously re-elected recently as chairman of the board of governors of the Technion — Israel Institute of Technology. Uzia Galil, general manager of Elron Electronic Industries Ltd., was elected a deputy chairman. Professor Ehud Lenz was named Technion vice-president for research for a two-year term. The elections took place at the final plenary session of the Technion board's annual meeting, at which a wide-range of resolutions were passed that will set the course of the Technion for the next year, and beyond.

The Technion governors called on the Israel government "to give utmost priority to technological education in Israel in the next few years, as a major and essential step toward economic independence and as an expression of the striving for scientific and technological excellence."

The board approved a 1979-80 budget of IL 1,070,000,000, noting that the expenditure for 1977-78 amounted to IL 548,801,041, leaving a surplus of IL 524,281. "Despite the difficult financial situation, the mounting inflation, and the continuous devaluations, the administration anticipates no significant deficit in the current budget of the Technion for 1978/79 provided that there will be no major economic changes during the months left in the budgetary year," noted the board.

In light of the housing shortage that is one of Israel's major problems, the governors urged a change in the institute's building development program to give priority in fund raising and construction to student dwellings. There are currently 700 married students, 200 of them with children, who have a special difficulty in finding accommodation.

Local Bond leaders to host large meet



George Cohon

TORONTO —

More than 500 delegates from across the United States and Canada are expected to attend the international conference of State of Israel Bonds September 13-16 at the Royal York, George Cohon, national chairman of State of Israel Bonds, announced this week.

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The PLO

Officially, murderers

The lavish reception accorded to PLO chief Yasser Arafat by the Austrian government was justifiably decried by Israel. Welcoming a terrorist leader, whose avowed aim is to obliterate Israel, with such pomp and ceremony, could cause damage to the delicate constructs of the peace effort in any number of ways.

Perhaps the most detrimental is the recognition, which is at least implied, that the PLO is the official representative of the Palestinian people. This is to condone the acts of cowardly brutality—the murder of innocent women and children, for example—that have catapulted Arafat into prominence. It is to encourage the continued murder of Arab leaders who recognize Israel's existence and choose to deal with her on a rational basis. And it will encourage the sort of Israeli retaliation justified when any of its citizens, Jew or Arab alike, are added to the PLO's toll of murders.

The PLO has undoubtedly earned the status of cutthroats and murderers. It has also appealed to the baser instincts in the Western media, achieving there celebrity-like treatment. But any government that deals with the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people—any responsible government, that is—is deluding itself if it thinks it is talking with a responsible and rational party.

Right now, the PLO is requesting observer status at the September meeting of the International Monetary Fund, something IMF officials are said to be giving "normal consideration." The PLO's thirst for official recognition is boundless, it seems. Yet, its dedication is, as ever, directed toward causing chaos and bloodshed: a PLO spokesman also vowed last week, during the time of the IMF request, that PLO terrorists were undergoing training as kamikaze pilots to plunge by air into Israeli cities.

Responsible officials should see the PLO for what it is and treat it as such.

African connections

A report in the Israeli daily newspaper Ma'ariv indicates that more than a dozen black African states have made informal demarches towards Israel with a view to re-establishing diplomatic ties with the Jewish state.

Almost every black African nation broke off diplomatic relations with Israel up to and during the Yom Kippur War. In 1973, during that war, the black African nations, succumbing both to the inducement and pressures of Arab petro-states, decided to withdraw political recognition of Israel.

In the wake of the Egyptian-Israel peace accords, many of those erstwhile friends of Israel, having learned that Arab largesse is more fiction than fact, now wish to explore renewing ties with Israel.

In a sense, there has been relatively little dislocation of relations between Israel and black Africa. Despite the political quarantining of Israel largely since 1973, black African countries have continued to maintain strong commercial and technological ties. Thousands of Israeli engineers and other experts have been working in various African nations as if the cessation of diplomatic ties never took place.

In certain circles it will not be easy to sell the idea of an immediate resumption of political links with black Africa. Whatever their unofficial policy was, black African states, inflicted a grievous moral blow against Israel in 1973 when they joined a coalition of nations condemning "Israeli aggression." It will take some time to forget the opportunism and short-sightedness of their posture at that time.

Politics, however, is the art of the possible. In mitigation it must be pointed out that black African states are relatively new to the game of realpolitik. Their fragile economic infrastructures and vulnerable political leadership have made them ripe targets for exploitation on the most cynical level. When the testing time came they forgot the assistance they had received from Israel over the years. Instead of gratitude they heaped scorn upon Israel in her hour of peril. Black Africa failed the test.

Israel will have learned much from this experience. A renewal of full diplomatic ties with black Africa will be welcomed, of course, but without exuberance or fanfare. Caution will be the byword in Israel's attitudes towards black Africa.

Can one expect anything else?

Arthur Fiedler

"Something is driving me... I just can't sit and twiddle my thumbs." So said the indefatigable Arthur Fiedler in an interview with The New York Times seven years ago. Fiedler, who died last week at the ripe old age of 84, was a whirlwind of activity. As conductor of the immensely entertaining Boston Pops, he was a national figure and perhaps the greatest popularizer of classical music who ever lived.

Highfaluting critics sniffed that Fiedler pandered to the common denominator. No doubt they cringed in their seats on that glorious day on July 4, 1976, when Fiedler conducted the Boston Pops in a medley of patriotic hits before a throng of 400,000 to mark America's bicentennial. But this zesty showman, for whom Mozart and Beethoven were sacrosanct, couldn't care less. He called these backseat drivers "culture vultures" and "snobs". Fiedler sought to please, and he did so with a vengeance.

He appealed to what might be termed the silent majority, that vast body of Americans who liked a dash of show tunes and popular music with their Bach or Wagner. No other conductor in history could mix it up with such panache and verve.

Fiedler was born in Boston to a musical family. His father, Emmanuel, was a native of Poland who had been brought over to America to play in the first-violin section of the Boston Symphony. Fiedler studied violin, then viola, and made his podium debut at 17 conducting three of Mozart's German Dances and Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto in G minor. When he was 20, he became a member of his father's symphony. Some years later, he applied for the conductorship of the Boston Pops but was rejected. He go it in 1930, and in 40 years of frenetic activity Fiedler brought untold pleasure to millions of concert-goers and record listeners. It is estimated that his recordings for RCA and Polydor sold some 50 million discs.

Amazingly enough, he was not always in the best of health. He had his first heart attack at 44 and his fifth last month. After being released from hospital, Fiedler suffered his sixth and final cardiac arrest. His fans and admirers everywhere will miss him sorely.

A great photographer

Philippe Halsman was one of the world's great photographers. His subjects ranged from Albert Einstein and Elizabeth Taylor to John F. Kennedy and Bertrand Russell. He provided Life magazine with 101 covers, more than any other photographer. In the pantheon of photographers, Halsman, who died recently, had few peers.

His work was characterized by sharpness of image, careful delineation of tonal values, mastery of lighting and the revelation of both principal and contrasting textures. Always, he sought to capture the essence of a subject. Halsman's 1947 portrait of Einstein, his moustache drooping, his white mane a mantle and his eyes the picture of introversion or sadness, was a prime example of his art.

He was born in Riga, Latvia, the son of a dentist. When he was 15, his father bought him a camera, an event that changed his life. He studied electrical engineering in Germany, but never practiced it, being drawn by photography.

When the Nazis invaded Paris, his adopted home, Halsman escaped to New York City thanks to an emergency visa which he obtained through the intervention of Albert Einstein. In the United States, he broke into photography by getting a $40-per-week job with the Black Star Agency. The editors, impressed with his work, sent samples to Life, which printed one as a "picture of the week." It showed the artist Salvador Dali with a ballerina on a roof-top.

Halsman shot portraits of thousands of personalities in the intervening years, and each was invariably a model of technical virtuosity. Later in his life, he put out a volume called **Jump Book**, which was composed of detailed photos of prominent persons caught in the act of springing on their toes.

Philippe Halsman left a legacy of excellence. His numerous photographs will be his pictorial monument.

Jerusalem's history substantiates Jewish right to govern the city

By ELSA ROSENBERG

Recent events in Canadian politics have stimulated an interest in Jerusalem.

Thirty-one years have elapsed since the state of Israel was brought into being by the United Nations and many people no longer remember the players in this drama without a program. To refresh memories, modern Palestine did not become a geographic entity until 1922, when it was carved out of the Ottoman (Turkish) Empire to become a British Mandate. The Turkish Empire had sided with Germany during the First World War and in order to knock Turkey out of the war, the Arabs were encouraged to revolt and their independence was promised to them by Britain. Turkey had been their master for close to 500 years.

In recognition of Dr. Chaim Weizmann's contribution to the Allied war effort—he developed a synthetic acetone that was used in the manufacture of high explosives—Britain brought forth the Balfour Declaration, which promised a national home for the Jews in these same Turkish provinces. At the same time Britain and France signed a secret agreement to split these twice-promised Turkish provinces among themselves. Both the Arabs and the Jews were to be double-crossed by these two pious powers.

The British did not want the Jews to play a dominant role in Palestine because they were afraid that these hard-working, politically aware people would rouse the Moslem masses out of their deep sleep and make them aware of their dreary lot. The British merely wanted the land to serve as a stopstation on the way to India.

The Christian church did not want the Jews in Palestine because so much of their theology had evolved around a picture of the Jew as being in perpetual exile and in constant punishment for not having accepted Jesus.

France was afraid that a wakening in the area might stimulate Algerian, Moroccan and Tunisian desires for independence. The hand played by Russia was motivated by the desire to weaken Britain's influence and substitute her own. Syria encouraged the animosities in the area in the hope of eventually picking up the pieces and absorbing the area into a Greater Syria. The Moslem Turks, once the area was lost to Turkey, rooted for a Jewish victory because they felt an Arab one would stimulate further Syrian territorial claims. Almost everyone welcomed the turmoil and the wars because they detracted from local corruption, and gave the population the Jews to hate.

Trans-Jordan, now called Jordan, is an artificial state created by the British (from Turkish property) between 1920 and 1922. This was done in the hopes of securing a permanent place for the British in this puppet state. Trans-Jordan was created on land that the Balfour Declaration had designated as Jewish. The role of the British in the Mideast was dishonorable and self-serving, and much of the present conflict has to be laid at their feet. The British eventually decided they could not cope with the mess that they had created, and asked to be relieved of the Mandate.

On November 29, 1947, the United Nations adopted the historic resolution favoring the dividing of Palestine into two states—one Arab and one Jewish—with Jerusalem designated an international city. The Jews accepted the United Nations resolution and the Arabs did not. Despite the fact that 85% of the land designated as Jewish was desert and had, within the living history of man, grown nothing, the Jews felt that half a loaf was better than no loaf and accepted what was given to them. The Arabs, fed for many years on the British picture of Jews as cringing cowards, refused the United Nations partition and gambled on a quick victory over the Jews with the eventual possession of all the land and the Jews 'driven into the sea.'

(Mike Goldberg)

A rabbi leads a brood of school children to a playground in Jerusalem. The hill in the foreground is Mount Scopus. Mosque is at left.

On May 14, 1948, Israel issued its declaration of independence and five Arab armies immediately converged on it with the open purpose of destroying it. The ratio of Arab to Jew in that fight was at least 50 to one, that is 600,000 Jews fighting off 30 million Arabs. The Jews emerged victorious.

Before the first shot was ever fired in this war, a refugee problem had already been created. In **The Middle East, 1945-1950**, published by the British Survey of International Affairs, under the directorship of Arnold J. Toynbee, an irreconcilable anti-Zionist, we read on page 263:

"As early as 27 January 1948 the High Commissioner (of Palestine) confirmed a steady exodus of middle-class Arab families who could afford to leave the country, taking with them cars and considerable quantities of household goods."

On January 30, 1948, the Arab newspaper Ash Shab wrote:

"The first of our fifth column consists of those who abandon their houses and business premises and go and live elsewhere. Many of these live in great luxury. At the first sign of trouble they take to their heels to escape. . . ."

The famous Glubb Pasha, commander of Jordan's Arab Legion, wrote in the London Daily Mail of August 12, 1948, "The Arab civilians panicked and fled ignominiously. Villages were frequently abandoned before they were threatened by the progress of war."

The wild exodus was led by the Arab upper classes, taking with them their jewelry, furniture, clothes, household goods, cars, money. The poor, whose husbands had run to take up arms so that they might be part of the next day's victory parade, soon followed, and all before the shooting began.

Arab hostility for the Jews had been encouraged by both the French and British colonials. When the war erupted in 1948 the British encouraged the Anglophile King Abdullah of Jordan to annex that portion of Palestine that the United Nations had designated as an Arab State, and to attack the old sector of Jerusalem. This was done in the hopes of the British retaining a stronghold in the area via King Abdullah. The first guns that the Jews faced in Jerusalem had been placed in Arab hands by the British.

At 4:36 p.m. May 28, 1948, the Jews surrendered the old walled sector of Jerusalem, but retained the area outside of the wall. They had been defeated by the British-trained and supplied Arab Legion. It had been a blood-bath and the Jewish section of the walled area was left in wanton destruction, reduced to rubble by the Arabs.

King Abdullah was shortly assassinated by a Palestinian. Since the Jordanians did not allow news to leave the old sector, the world never learned of the punishment meted out for this assassination. Suffice it to say that the Palestinians immediately had their rebelliousness wiped out of them, and cowed in fear under Jordanian rule. Later, Abdullah's grandson, King Hussein killed 11,000 Palestinians in a short-lived civil war.

The Jordanians remained in the old sector, that had been designated an international city by the United Nations, for 19 years, during which time the area was forbidden entrance to Jews. The United Nations at no time complained about this.

Twenty-five percent of the land in the old sector is owned by the Christian church but at no time did the Christian church raise its voice against the prevailing situation. The first outcry that came from the church was when Bishop Germanos of the Greek Orthodox patriarchate complained after the city was unified, "property taxes are very high in Israel, and we own 25% of the property in the Old City. Are they going to impose their high tax rates? You must learn to get money through Jerusalem, not from Jerusalem."

On June 28, 1967, the old and the new sections of Jerusalem were united under Israeli rule. Overnight, 70,000 Arabs were added to the city's 200,000 Jews. Jerusalem has always had a Jewish majority. Since the 1948 partition, the two populations had lived as hostile neighbors. After 19 years and three wars, the populations mixed with ease, and the Arabs enjoyed the rights of Israeli citizenship.

Under the Jordanians, Jews were denied access to their holy shrines; and some Jewish shrines were used as cowsheds, while tombstones from an ancient Jewish cemetery were used to cover Arab latrines. The communal grave of Hebron Jews massacred in 1929 had been ploughed up. Today all the holy shrines are accessible to everyone, are fully self-administered, and the Israeli government has assisted in their repairs. The Jewish sector, which lay in rubble for 19 years is being reconstructed.

When the city was united, the average Arab income in the Walled City (under the Jordanians) was $150 a year. Today, it is equal to that of the Israelis.

Only about eight percent of the population (only males with property) could vote under the Jordanians, today Arab and Jew have identical voting privileges.

The Arabs had diseases the Western world was finished with: tuberculosis, polio, trachoma. Their health standards were deplorable. Twenty families used the same water shed. When one got dysentery, all got dysentery. The old sector had no maternity clinics, no nursery schools, no nurses in the schools, access to too few doctors. Garbage was simply dumped into courtyards from which it was collected. The first thing the Jews did was distribute 3,000 garbage cans and thousands of plastic garbage bags. The Jews assigned social workers to the area and placed those that needed help on welfare.

The unification of the city was effortless and peaceful, and of benefit to both groups.

Jordan is in possession of three-quarters of the land that was originally designated by the United Nations to have been the Arab portion of the partition. Two-thirds of the people living in Jordan are of Palestinian ancestry. The name Jordan is neither a holy, nor an historical name, having been hatched by the British after 1920. Since the formation of the country Jordan was not a legal act, having been created at the whim of Britain, perhaps the time has come to change the name Jordan back to Palestine, give the area a Palestinian king and put an end to all of this heartache.

Tourists in Jerusalem pause for a moment before the Knesset, Israel's parliament building.

Some facts and figures about the 3,000 years of Israel's capital city

* Jerusalem has been the capital of Israel since the creation of the state in 1948.
* Jerusalem has been undivided for all but 19 years of its 3,000 year history.
* There has been a Jewish majority in Jerusalem since 1864.
* When Jordan occupied the eastern part of Jerusalem in 1948, the Jewish community there was expelled en-masse. In the ensuing 19 years, Israeli citizens — Christians, Muslims and Jews — were denied free access to their holy places and 58 synagogues were desecrated or destroyed.
* Protection of and free access to the holy places of Christians, Muslims and Jews is guaranteed in Israeli law. No one is denied access; not even citizens of states that consider themselves at war with Israel.
* The present population of Jerusalem is 313,000 of which 230,000 are Jews.
* There are 13 foreign embassies situated in Jerusalem today:

Bolivia
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Guatemala
Haiti
Holland
Panama
Uruguay
Venezuela

* Until 1973, when Arab blackmail forced 11 African states to sever diplomatic relations with Israel, there were 33 foreign embassies located in Jerusalem.
* Since 1956, all embassies established in Israel (except West Germany have been opened in Jerusalem.
* Two of the countries which maintain their embassies in Jerusalem (Ecuador and Venezuela) are members of the Arab dominated organization of petroleum exporting countries (OPEC).

Chart courtesy of the Canada-Israel Committee.

Letters to the Editor

Day schools give lion's share of education, writer stresses

I read with disdain Beverley Stern's front page article, "day schools get the lion's share" of the community education budget. What the article left out is that the day schools may be giving the lion's share of Jewish education to the community.

Joe Silver's quote, "the day schools do not reach out to the broad segment of the public nor are they intended to," is at best, biased. How can Mr. Silver justify this remark when by the data presented in the article, a majority of the children now getting a Jewish education are now in Jewish day schools. This, in spite of the fact that day school education costs from three to 10 times as much, with parents paying most of the costs in most day schools.

I have had the privilege of serving the students of Jewish day schools and Yeshivot for 17 years within metropolitan Toronto, and hundreds of them must be rated as average in aptitudes and ability and many even below average. The vast majority, in my opinion were successful and certainly were more successful than they would have been with a public school education with an "add on" Jewish education.

Perhaps what my students had was a greater commitment to Judaism. Perhaps they came from homes or synagogues or environments which fostered a total Jewish education. While Silver is quite right when he demonstrates that two to six hour a week is cheaper, the fact that a majority of Jewish students obtain their education in Jewish day school is probably the greatest mark of distinction of the city of Toronto in all of the Diaspora.

Dr. Solomon Burack,
Toronto

Jewish leadership

We are all capable of error or misjudgment but self-deception is an offense unacceptable at the leadership level. The Jewish leadership statement on the movement of the Canadian Embassy borders on sophistry. I am amazed that they should use as an argument the semantic quibbling wherein the prime minister refers to "the implementation of our policy on Jerusalem in a way that will be compatible with the efforts that are being made to achieve a comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East." From this they conclude that the P.M. has not done an about-face on his commitment but is merely examining the how and when.

Since the 'leadership' statement was issued, Joe Clark has stated in an interview that, in effect, his promise was hasty and ill-conceived. Surely it is clear that apart from Egypt, whose efforts are repudiated by the other Arab states, there is no movement towards a peace settlement. To await the achievement of a comprehensive peace settlement is synonymous with what at the moment we must regard as an indefinite postponement. Mr. Clark understood that —our leaders either did not or do not wish to acknowledge it. Do the four signatories believe that the Arabs will accept a comprehensive peace without some deal on Jerusalem, a proposition which all pronouncements from Jerusalem have categorically rejected?

What could possibly come of Robert Stanfield's mission which is to extricate Mr. Clark and the government from its predicament? He must either say that the embassy cannot be moved or that it must be postponed. He will be subject to exactly the same pressures that Mr. Clark was. Either way Israel loses. To conclude anything but that this matter is a dead issue is self-delusion. What is the point in telling our people otherwise?

Max Goody,
Willowdale

Self-deception

In spite of anti-boycott legislation, and the previous ineffectiveness of boycotts, the embassy retreat was an Arab victory. On this occasion we have seen that if the Arabs shout and threaten loudly enough they get what they want.

Now who is to say what the next "request" may be? Perhaps a more effective boycott, maybe the firing of a certain number of Jews from a company doing or seeking to do business with an Arab country. Perhaps the rounding up and shooting of a few hundred or thousand Jews "or else we'll cancel the contract." Am I exaggerating? Maybe not.

We all know, or should know, that appeasement does not help. Yielding to blackmail is stupid. Bruno Bettleheim, a profound psychological thinker and concentration camp survivor, wrote:

"At the inception of the German tyranny, the longer action was delayed, the weaker grew the ability to resist. But once set in motion, this process had its own momentum. For a long time, many were still convinced that at the next inroad the state made on their autonomy, at the next infringement of liberty, at the next degradation, they would definitely take decisive action. Only by that time, they could no longer act, and had to realize too late that the road to disintegration . . . had been paved with intentions not acted on in time."

In recent months a novel **King of the Jews** by Leslie Epstein, achieved wide publicity. In the form of a thinly veiled parody, it tells the story of the behavior of the Jewish community leadership in a ghetto during the war.

Whether elected, co-opted, appointed, bought, dropped from heaven, or whatever, the moral if any of Epstein's book is that it is better for communal leaders to be honest with people, not to attempt to delude, or cover up the truth.

Trying to cushion disappointment and prevent undue pessimism appear to be well-intentioned attitudes, but these days we recognize them as being somewhat condescending, assuming an immaturity and inability to adjust to realities on the part of the community.

We have to recognize that the Jewish community has suffered a major set-back. Through ourselves and our leaders, we have to make known our displeasure with this, and our intention to find an appropriate compensatory advance to bring ourselves back to at least being on the same level we were at previously.

Dr. Joseph Berger,
Downsview, Ont.

Not the same

It is not right, especially for sections of the Jewish community here, to equate the situation of the Vietnamese refugees with the plight of the Jews of the Holocaust. There is no resemblance in fact or spirit.

The Jews in Europe had no where to go but to their ill-fated inhumane doom. They had no helping hand from anyone. Even that great land of liberty, the U.S., would not allow one refugee from the ship St. Louis to land on its soil!

Contrast this to the hundreds of thousands of the "Boat People" who found sanctuary in Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, the Phillipines, Indo China and, China proper.

The Jews in the Holocaust, what friends did they have? What gold and jewelry did they take with them? What sanctuary was given them?

How can the bleeding hearts in our midst, such as the B'nai B'rith, equate the two? It is monstrous.

Samuel Ross,
Downsview, Ont.

Irked with office

For years I have always considered it a duty and a pleasure to contribute to the United Jewish Appeal and to Israel. As a young boy I grew up and was raised with the teaching from my parents and grandparents that a Jew must give to Israel and I accepted this without question.

In forty odd years of giving I never at any time asked for anything in return.

Approximately two months ago my young daughter was given an assignment at school to write a short composition on Israel. My wife immediately phoned the Israeli tourist office and requested brochures and pamphelets that would be helpful to her.

Two weeks went by with no response and no material. A second phone call was made and a suggestion from my wife that rather than wait until the last minute, would it not be possible to gather up some additional pamphlets and mail them again. The answer was a very discourteous, "no."

I found the entire incident to be extremely aggravating and frustrating.

The arrogant attitude I saw in the Israeli tourist office is astounding. How many of my fellow Jews have experienced similar abuse?

Dr. Lawrence I. Gaum,
Toronto

Impending tragedies ahead

Vietnamese boat people raise spectre of 'Jewish question'

By J.B. SALSBERG

The objective conditions of life were such that for many centuries the Jewish people lived in a perpetual state of uncertainty and insecurity, interspersed with outbursts of violence and unspeakable cruelty.

It was, therefore, natural enough for Jews to develop the keenest sensitivity to all major developments that were under way or that were anticipated in the non-Jewish world around them.

It was a matter of life and death to know whether an impending change in the religious, national or social environment in their area was to be good, bad or, heaven forbid, calamitous for the Jews in the given community, region, principality or kingdom. Fearful Jews would often ask one another whether the change that had taken place was "goot far Yidden or, cholileh, shlecht far Yidden."

In modern times Jewish, as well as some non-Jewish thinkers and leaders tried to condense the variety of Jewish concerns and fears under the single title of "the Jewish question (the Yiddishe frageh). And there was no limit to the solutions offered to solve that "question." Jews and non-Jews became engaged in the search for a solution.

The solutions extended from the Messianic hope; to "auto-emancipation" — Political Zionism; to "rights and equality" under bourgeois liberalism; to "equality and rights" under socialism or communism; to the idea of voluntary or forced assimilation; and to the fiendish "final solution" proclaimed by the Hitlerite monsters.

Jews, to retain their rationality in the face of so many solutions to "the Jewish problem," developed an ironic and humorous approach to it all. The capacity to smile at our own pre-occupations is perhaps epitomized best in the following classic (and quite old) anecdote that Jews told each other.

Elephants and Jews

Three scholars, an Englishman, a German and a Jew, were studying the importance of the elephant in Africa. The Englishman wrote a thesis on the elephant's role in the building of the empire, the German's thesis was on the elephant as a carrier of cargo and the Jew wrote on the elephant and the Jewish question.

In short, I recognize in the sorry 'boat people' phenomenon an ominous reminder of our own past and, perhaps, pending catastrophies. There are alarming elements of similarity between the Vietnamese boat people and our own past experiences. I can think of more than one area where Jewish communities exist today where the same ingredients that created the monumental crime in south-east Asia also exist. They are disturbing thoughts. Very disturbing, indeed.

I know that many well-meaning people will say that no such tragedy could face us now that we have Israel, the Jewish state that will open its doors to all threatened Jewish communities. But unfortunately experiences of the recent past do not support that assumption, not if you think of Algeria, Cuba, Iran, Africa, South America, etc. etc. etc. Nor does the trend of emigration from the Soviet Union offer evidence in support of the simplistic contention of some of our people.

It would perhaps be helpful to an understanding of what troubles my mind if I were to present a more detailed analysis of the fundamental elements that led to the shocking drama that is being played out with the lives of the boat people.

I shall attempt to do this next week. But I cannot leave this disturbing situation without urging our complete, individual and collective, support to the Vietnamese refugees that knock at our doors. And we should offer that help not only because we too had our boat people not so long ago. We must do it because our humanity demands it of us.

Search on shore

Thousands of Vietnamese men, women and children have drowned while drifting from shore to shore in search of a friendly door. Other thousands are disabled by hunger and disease aboard jam-packed, unseaworthy vessels.

And so, I shall try to analyze the underlying causes of the present mind-boggling demonstration of man's inhumanity to man — the boat people. But in the meantime we must demonstrate by our deeds and our country's deeds that humanity is still alive and responsive to human needs. Yes, and we shall try to identify "the Jewish question" in the boat people's tragedy.

Anwar Sadat makes a sweeping gesture with his hand while talking to Menachem Begin at a recent meeting. Sadat is under fire at home and abroad for his policy of accommodation toward Israel. His critics are many, and in Egypt some of them operate underground only.

Sadat's policy toward Israel arouses ire of domestic critics

mideast analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Anwar Sadat was the recipient of good news last month. In Egypt's first multiparty election since the 1952 revolution, Sadat's National Democratic Party won an overwhelming majority in the 392-seat People's Assembly, or parliament, swamping the opposition.

For the Egyptian president, the results were gratifying because they demonstrated widespread support for his policies, domestic and foreign, at a time when Egypt has come under severe criticism from the Arab world for having signed what is perceived to be a separate traitorous agreement with Israel.

For the unofficial opposition, which was left without any seats in the People's Assembly, the election was a sham. The small left-wing Unionist Progressive Party, echoing dissent in the country, charged that the election was rigged to defeat opponents of Sadat's peace treaty with Israel and cited instances in which ballot boxes were allegedly stuffed and voters intimidated.

Impartial observers pointed out that the government had banned any discussion of the treaty and had forced electoral candidates to abide by vague injunctions against undermining national unity. Still others commented that only Sadat's party was given publicity in the government-controlled press. The government declined to investigate the allegations of fraud, raising even more questions about the election, as well as an earlier referendum on war and peace which Sadat won by a suspiciously high 99% margin.

In Egypt today, most Egyptians support Sadat's policy of rapprochement with Israel, the election and referendum notwithstanding. But a vocal minority is adamantly against it and is working to overthrow Sadat and scrap his policies.

Although Sadat is in firm control of Egypt, he has been ruthless in stamping out opposition and in tailoring his Egyptian-style democracy to his own special needs.

In recent months, he has hit out strongly at religious critics of his accord with Israel, banned politics in universities and warned that police will fire immediately on anyone who damages public or private property.

Three years ago, the president proclaimed political pluralism and competitive elections, thus terminating more than two decades of Gamal Abdul Nasser's repressive one-party system. Sadat set up a tri-Party Political Structure: a government party at the centre with full control over the People's Assembly, flanked by a rightist and a leftist party which together would constitute the opposition—but which would not exceed the boundaries of what he called the "national consensus."

Such a structure did emerge and for a while it functioned satisfactorily. This experiment in democracy foundered, partly because the opposition was too critical, and partly because Sadat concluded that his peace policy was still vulnerable. He persuaded the right-wing Wafd Party to dissolve itself, curtailed the activities of the left-wing Unionist Progressive Party and disbanded his own government party, which had proved incapable of coping with internal challenges.

Sadat restructured Egypt's political system. It now includes the National Democratic Party, which captured 330 out of 392 seats in the recent election, the Liberal-Socialist Party, which picked up three seats, and the Socialist Labor Party, which won 29 seats. (Independent candidates took 10 seats.)

These parties are tolerated by Sadat because they have declared their support for the peace process and offered only limited criticism of domestic policies. In fact, the Socialist Labor Party is an offshoot of the Young Egypt movement, which in the 1930s propagated a kind of Egyptian-Islamic nationalism and which today calls for the development of "authentic" Egyptianism, as opposed to pan-Arabism.

Because Sadat's democracy is so limited, genuine opponents of his government have been driven underground or abroad. They run the gamut from Islamic rightists, such as the Moslem Brotherhood, to anti-American leftists found in the Unionist Progressive Party. Not only are they opposed to his policies vis-a-vis Israel; for different reasons, they abhor his laissez faire economic policies.

Mohammed Sid-Ahmed, a writer and journalist, is one of Sadat's most articulate opponents. He has worked for the newspaper Al-Ahram and his book, **When The Guns Fall Silent**, has been acclaimed. But of late, for fear of being arrested, he has had to tread carefully in voicing his opinions.

Sid-Ahmed believes that the Camp David accords are worthless. As he put it: "A bad kind of partial peace makes a good peace more difficult to achieve." In his opinion,

Mohammed Sid-Ahmed: Sadat's opponent.

the tripartite Maryland summit "produced only one binding document (the Egyptian-Israeli pact). The other document (on autonomy) is an illusion. . . ."

Outside of Egypt, the most effective opposition to Sadat appears to come from the Grouping of Egyptian Patriots Abroad (GEPA), whose members live dispersed in the Arab world and in Western Europe. GEPA is basically an alliance of Nasserists, Moslem Bothers (which Nasser banned), Marxists, socialists and Arab nationalists.

GEPA seeks to restore Egypt's old pan-Arab role and to reverse Sadat's pro-American stance. GEPA activists realize that they are in for a long and perhaps hopeless fight, but they claim they will win when Sadat fails to deliver the prosperity promised by the Egyptian-Israeli treaty. Some Egyptian exiles have nicknamed Sadat "the Shah of Egypt," convinced that his position now is no stronger than that of the Shah's two years ago.

In responding to his critics, both in Egypt and the Middle East, Sadat and his lieutenants have adopted a two-pronged strategy.

Egypt's difficulties with the Arab world are presented as transitory and their consequences are minimized. Sadat's recent announcement of an arms deal with China, together with his assurances that U.S. economic aid will tide over Egypt, are meant to disarm critics who complain that the president's policies are weakening the nation.

To outflank other critics, Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil and aides have attacked Israel for its settlement policies and the obstructions it puts on the road to Palestinian self-determination in the occupied areas. At the UN, Egypt has condemned Israel over a variety of issues, including southern Lebanon.

These tactics may succeed, but they will not narrow the yawning gap between Sadat's policies and those of his opponents. Sadat, through force and verbal persuasion, is winning the battle at home, but at a costly price: his fragile experiment in democracy.

Some 24,000 members of B'nai Akiva youth gathered recently in Jerusalem's Canada Park to mark 50th anniversary of their youth group.

Organizations and People

what's new

By MIRIAM HERMAN

PUPPET THEATRE

Audience demand brings Lisi's Bubbatron puppet theatre back to Harborfront for two performances — 2:30 and 4 p.m. — on Sunday, July 22. **Go Close the Door**, a Jewish folktale performed with amazing life-size puppets, is a delight for the entire family. Please don't bring children under four years of age. But do bring bubbies and zaidies — they'll love it! Harborfront Theatre is at 235 Queen's Quay W. For advance reservations, call 364-5739.

GARAGE SALE ITEMS NEEDED

A newly-formed group, Needy Brides in Israel, is planning a garage sale to raise funds to send to Israel. It will take place Sunday, Aug. 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 129 Dalemount Ave. But in the meantime the group is looking for merchandise for the sale (everything but clothing). If you have anything you think they can use, call 789-2244.

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE SENIORS

The Workmen's Circle Social Club meets this Tuesday, July 24, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave., W. Following lunch there will be entertainment by singer Sara Hertzberg, pianist Ada Lewis and humorist Philip Cohen... And don't forget, the club meets throughout the summer and has several day trips planned. The Midland one is slated for Wednesday, the 25th. Also, plans are going ahead for the Miami trip. For information, call Shirley Grotell at 222-7727.

NEJCS SINGLE PARENTS

The North-East Jewish Community Services Single Parents group is open to all interested single parents (both men and women) whether separated, divorced or widowed. The main objectives are to provide recreational programming for single parents and their children, and to identify and address concerns related to Jewish family life that are particular to the single parent family. Newly-elected chairperson of the group is Adele Maizels...A general meeting is taking place this Thursday, July 26, at 8:30 p.m. "under the stars," outside the NEJCS building, 1091 Finch Ave. E. There will be folkdancing and a chance for members and prospective members to socialize. If you want to know more about the group and or the meeting, call Eileen Garber at the NEJCS office at 493-8866.

MOVIE NIGHT FOR SINGLES

Another singles event is the "wild and wooly" movie night sponsored by Jewish Community Centre Singles (ages 35-55) on Sunday, the 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. at the Leah Posluns studio theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. The feature film is **The Mad Adventures of Rabbi Jacob.**

CJC AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENT

At the request of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Yugoslavia, the audio-visual department of Canadian Jewish Congress supplied filmstrips on the Holocaust and Jewish history and culture. These audio-visual aids will be used by various communities in Yugoslavia and particularly for a youth summer camp program.

SYNAGOGUE IN INDIA

Share Hashamayim Synagogue in Thane, 21 miles north-east of Bombay, India, is celebrating its centenary year. Most of the estimated 250 members are Bene Israel, descendants of the first Bene Israel settlers in Thane about 150 years ago. Thane used to have a much larger Jewish population but many emigrated to Israel after 1948. The outflow is continuing, but at a slower rate.

GRANTS TO HAIFA U

The Joint Distribution Committee has made grants totalling $47,600 to Haifa University for training graduate students to work with the aged, the handicapped, the disadvantaged and other groups requiring rehabilitation. One grant in the sum of $30,160 went to the School of Social Work to continue the program begun last year to provide a master's degree course of studies in advanced practice in rehabilitation. The Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare is cooperating with JDC in this program and is helping finance it. Another grant in the sum of $17,455 was provided to the newly-opened School of Occupational Therapy, established with the cooperation of JDC with the Ministry of Health.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

Construction is expected to begin this summer of Baltimore's $135,000 Holocaust memorial. The structure will be located on a one-acre site in the city's downtown area. It will consist of an open air sanctuary protected by two cantilevered blocks of concrete separated by a narrow opening. Leading up the memorial will be trees planted in six rows, one for each million Holocaust victims.

TRAINING PROGRAM AT BAYCREST

Baycrest Centre is participating in an introductory year of a geriatric residency training program offered by the University of Toronto department of medicine. The program involves four hospitals and three medical residents each of whom will spend four months at Baycrest. The first resident assumes duties this month.

HOLIDAY CARDS TO SOVIET JEWS

David Sadowski, chairman of the Committee for Soviet Jewry of Congress, Central Region, announces a new High Holy Day greeting card for mailing to prisoners, exiles and Refusenik families in the Soviet Union. The card, which has greetings in English, Hebrew and Russian, also contains a calendar for the festivals through 1981. This item is available, free of cost, and names and addresses of recipients are supplied. Write to the committee at 150 Beverley St., Toronto, M5T 1Y6, or call 869-3811.

...about people

Ammon Altman

The new director for Israel Tourism Administration is **Ammon Altman**. Born and educated in Israel (a BA in economics and political science and an MA in business administration from Hebrew University in Jerusalem), he has been economic advisor for development areas and was also with the Israel Investment Authority in New York. His most recent posting was as director of the light industries division of the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

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You could really call it keeping it in the family when twin brothers Rabbi **Harvey Meirovich** and Cantor Moshe **Meirovich** officiated at the marriage of cousin **Brenda Meirovich** to **Marvin Mauer** two Sundays ago. The ceremony took place at Adath Israel Synagogue where Rabbi Harvey is assistant rabbi. Cantor Moishe came up for the event from Clearwater, Florida, where he serves with Beth Sholom Synagogue there. The 32-year-old twins are the sons of Sally and Louis Meirovich of Toronto.

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The United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region, comprising of 14 Conservative congregations in the province, recently elected its new executive. **Marvin Miller** is the new president, succeeding **Harvey Haber**. Vice-presidents are **Ruth Bass, Samuel Blank, Wilfred Kideckel, Lorraine Levine** and **Sam Shulman.** Recording secretary is **Alan Applebaum**, corresponding secretary is **Esther Goodbaum,** and treasurer is **Gloria Pinkus.**

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CHUM Limited has established the **Phil Stone** Award for Excellence in Radio Broadcasting to be awarded annually to a student in any year of the radio broadcasting program of Humber College. Commencing in the academic year 1979-80, $100 will be given jointly by CHUM-AM and CHUM-FM in Phil Stone's honor to the student who best exemplifies those traits which he sought to instill in all students — academic excellence, industry, professional attitude, humanism and humility. Mr. Stone has been the co-ordinator of Humber's broadcasting program since 1972 and is retiring this term. He was formerly an executive with CHUM from the early 1950s through to 1967.

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Montrealer **Howard Stupp** won a gold medal for Canada in Greco-Roman wrestling at the Pan Am Games in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He was also a gold medalist for Canada in the Maccabiah Games in 1977.

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Synagogue news — At Temple Har Zion **Jack Halberstadt** was named third vice-president replacing Dr. **Marty Gelfand** who is taking post-graduate studies in Boston for two years. **Bernie Little** is treasurer with **Gerald Greenglass** as his associate....**Alf Pilch** is president of Beth David B'nai Israel, Beth Am Congregation with **Irv Bornstein** and **Stan Goldfarb,** vice-presidents; **Sol Budd**, secretary, and **Henry Ritchie,** treasurer. **Jack Pollock** is immediate past president.

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Moe Appel, recently retired national executive director of State of Israel Bonds in Canada, has joined Canadian ORT as consultant in the planning of the organization's 100th anniversary.

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Tel Aviv-born **Daniel Oren** has been appointed conductor of the Rome Opera Theatre orchestra.

'Junk heap' made him into a used car expert

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO—

It runs well, burns no oil and starts in any weather. It even has "a friendly personality," according to Robert Appel, its proud owner.

A consumer advocate and lawyer, Appel is talking about his 1972 Pontiac Le Mans, which has 85,000 miles on its odometer. "It's rusting, but I won't part with it until I have to," he says.

If he sounds a trifle sentimental about his Pontiac, he's entitled, as they say. Appel is a used car buff and the author of **The Used Car Believer's Book**, which Dorset of Toronto has just published.

Actually Appel is a hard-headed pragmatist as far as cars—old or new—are concerned.

As he puts it: "I love used cars. In the first place, buying a used car means you don't have to deal with the new car salesman, which is in itself one of the most degrading rituals remaining in our otherwise enlightened society. It means that you don't have to worry about losing 30% of the value of the car the moment you drive away. It means that you have no one but yourself to blame for the success or failure of your choice.

Used car buff author Robert Appel

"And, finally, it means you probably won't end up with a lemon, or a new car which doesn't work properly and which can't be fixed by any techniques known to modern science. If a used car has a solid 30,000 or so miles on it, you can be reasonably sure it's been behaving more or less the way it is supposed to be."

If Appel, a 27-year-old bachelor, seems intent on demolishing the long-standing myth about used cars, that is precisely his goal. As the title of his book reveals, he is a believer, a convert. "If you buy a used car and take care of it, cost per mile will be lower than anything you could achieve by buying a new car and trading it in."

In **The Used Car Believer's Book**, Appel tells prospective buyers how and where to find a good used car, which models to avoid and why, how to check out a used car, how to recognize frauds and how much you should pay for the car.

He also writes about other facets of the used car game of which buyers should be aware.

In the last seven years, Appel, the son of a Montreal furrier, has had five used cars, and he does not ever expect to buy a new one. "It suits me to keep a used car," he explains. "I've got the mechanical expertise, and it's part of my image."

An auto consultant for CTV's **Live It Up** show, Appel bought his first used car in 1972 because he couldn't afford anything else. A 1966 Volkswagon, he describes it as "a junk heap." Appel paid $450 for it and invested an additional $200 for new tires and repairs. Six weeks later, he sold it for $300, taking a considerable loss on it.

—"It was a whole adventure in used cars. The experience was worth its weight in gold. I learned that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing."

This happened while Appel was studying at McGill University. "I was into consumerism at McGill, and I figured I couldn't be taken for a ride. I learned that unless you understand cars—and I don't mean a passing knowledge—and have a system to check them out, it's extraordinarily easy to be suckered in."

To Appel, a car is basically an adult toy, a habit, and unless its owner is familiar with its inner workings, his purse will be all the lighter after a few disillusioning and embittering experiences.

While earning civil law and common law degrees at McGill, Appel enlarged his expertise by working for Phil Edmonston, one of Canada's leading consumer advocates. During his stint with Edmonston's Automobile Protection Association, he won a number of lawsuits against auto companies, car dealers and mechanics. Later on, he studied auto repair at an Ottawa technical college.

As a result of his theoretical and practical experience, Appel claims he can take an engine apart and rebuild it. "But I don't believe in working on brakes and the suspension system. I leave that to a licenced mechanic because of the safety risks."

Appel prefers American used cars, as they were designed for fast, easy servicing. European models are usually complex and therefore elude the expertise of most backyard mechanics like Appel.

Most of all, he favors U.S.-manufactured cars made between 1968-1972. "They're dull cars, not fancy, but they provide reliable transportation. They can last forever if you maintain them well."

In the last two years, U.S. manufacturers have built more complex cars, making it harder, if not impossible, for a tinkerer to disassemble his car. What effect this has on the used car market Appel does not know.

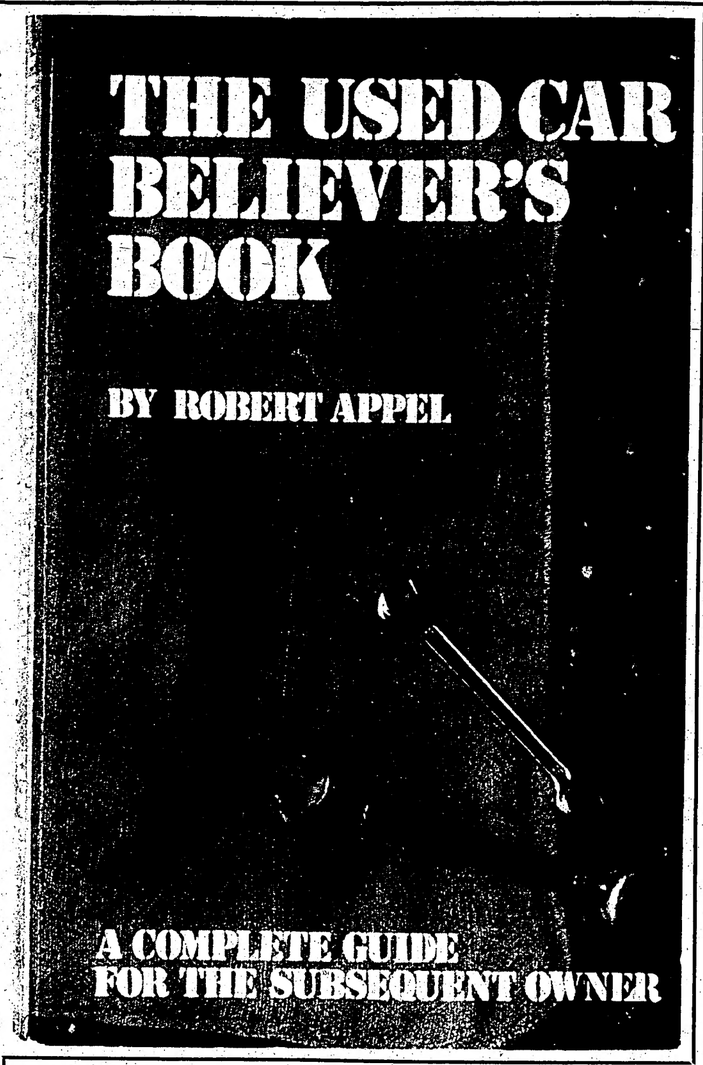
In his view, a used car dealer is the last person to go to if you're looking for a car. "A dealer knows the score and he saves the best cars for family and friends. If he's your brother-in-law, the odds are in your favor."

He recommends buying a used car through newspaper classified ads, but advises a customer to put it through his 19-point check highlighted in **The Used Car Believer's Book**.

If you don't read newspapers, Appel says a neighbor's used car is something to consider. "It could be the best buy you're going to find. Grab it."

Appel says his interest in used cars is a function of his involvement with consumerism. "It's a passion. I don't like people getting ripped off. But whether there's a future as a used car expert, I'm not sure." **He plans to update The Used Car Believer's Book** within six to eight months, particularly if Dorset sells the U.S. rights. "And, if there's a tremendous demand, I'll write another book on used cars."

But otherwise, Appel says he wants to be an independent commercial filmmaker. Eight years ago, at McGill, he produced a 19-minute documentary on pollution called **No Deposit, No Return.** In the future, should his plans materialize, Appel could well parlay his background in law, consumerism and used cars into a profitable venture.



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Sam Yuchtman pioneered in Yiddish radio broadcasting

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

About 38 years ago in Ontario when many Jews tried to keep their old country ways packed away in trunks in the attic, at a time when multi-culturalism was not yet the fashion, and the very idea of a "Jewish" radio program was chutzpadik, the late Sam Yuchtman began broadcasting in Yiddish.

Yuchtman, who died recently at the age of 67, was a bundle of energy in Yiddish theatre in everything from make-up to production, but was best known for his long career in radio and particularly for his last 13 years with radio station CHIN.

Yuchtman, who went to university in his native Lublin, Poland, emigrated with his parents, two brothers and sister to Winnipeg in 1928. On the way over on the boat, when he was 17, he called for a strike among the ship's refugees because of the poor quality of food served.

Yuchtman's experience in the garment industry as a presser, and as a laborer shovelling coal created inside of him a burning sympathy for the oppressed victims of injustice, while his exposure to sophisticated literary Yiddish at academic levels prompted a life-long pride and devotion to the Yiddish culture, language and music.

Since Yuchtman joined CHIN, the one-hour daily **Shalom** program and the two-hour Sunday program, now called the **Sam Yuchtman Jewish Program** became familiar to thousands of Jewish families across Ontario — "especially in outlying areas such as Orillia and St. Catharines," said Ben Kayfetz, a regular speaker on Yuchtman's program.

"Sam's program in many communities outside Toronto were often their only contact with Jewish music and what was going on in the Jewish world," Kayfetz emphasized.

"In the late '30s and early '40s," siad Yuchtman's daughter, Zelda, who is now the producer of both the daily morning and Sunday programs, "it was hard to establish a Yiddish radio program. But my father, who had a passion for Yiddish culture more than anything else, persisted until he got his first program in St. Catharines."

Later, Jewish programming with CHUM, CKFH and CFGM followed and was capped when Yuchtman joined the popular Johnny Lombardi's multicultural CHIN in 1966.

Yuchtman's programs featured a full range of Jewish music from yiddish and cantorial to Israeli and contemporary composers, often with interviews with favorite performers such as Richard Tucker and Jan Peerce.

There was also ample coverage of organizational and cultural life of the Jewish community, as well as intimate glimpses into the lives of individuals.

Thousands of people phoned in news of births, death, marriages, and academic and community honors all of which were sandwiched in between homey advertising from Jewish delicatessans, meat markets, bakeries and many other sponsors.

CHIN commercials' producer, Fred Snyder, remarking on Yuchtman's

Sam Yuchtman

prowess as a salesman, revealed that advertising time was always sold out for both programs.

"Nevertheless," Johnny Lombardi, president and owner of CHIN, Canada's largest multi-cultural radio station with programs in 32 languages pointed out, "no matter how much Yuchtman sold, he always worried about having enough advertising accounts for the show."

Lombardi, whose association with Yuchtman goes back to CKFH in 1949, said Yuchtman was a modest, kind, hard-working man who knew his audience and gave them what they wanted. Yuchtman was also a liberal-minded man, he said, who turned over more and more responsibilities for programming and interviewing to Zelda.

"My father had a very open mind when it came to programming," says Zelda who joined her father eight years ago. "Six years ago, I did a program on abortions. It was controversial, but my father trusted my judgment and gave me room to grow."

She said her father always encouraged her to represent the many sides of Jewish life and featured regulars such as Rabbi David Monson from Beth Sholom and Jacob Egit, executive director of Histadrut. Disparate voices such as the religiously orthodox as well as the secular, humanistic were also expressed.

During the Six-Day War, Yuchtman offered all his air facilities to coverage of the war and raising money for the Israeli war effort. Hundreds of phone-ins produced $56,000 in just a few days. In subsequent Middle Eastern conflicts, he again came out with total coverage of events.

Yuchtman was multi-faceted in his operations in the Jewish community. He was a former president of the Minsker Farband benevolent society, a founder and president of Beth Myer synagogue, and later an active member of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda. He ran for alderman in his Downsview riding while Phil Givens was mayor.

On the day of his death on June 26, he had just been elected first vice-president of the Steeles College Memorial Chapel.

At his funeral, which drew crowds from both the Jewish and non-Jewish community, Rabbi David Monson said in his eulogy that Yuchtman, even in death, would remain a living entity. He is survived by his wife, Manya, to whom he was married for 48 years, daughters Zelda and Clarice, son-in-law Ronald Rosen and three grandchildren.

Wilfred Posluns, Toronto president of Canadian Friends of Hebrew University (centre), chats with Willi and Mildred Fleischer, who have made a commitment to donate a science lab to the university in memory of their son, Leon. It'll be dedicated in 1980.

Stamp honors Heinrich Heine

stamps

By CHAIM YEHUDA

The great poet and essayist, Heinrich (Harry, Chaim) Heine has been honored on several stamps including singles issued by: East Germany, Romania, Russia and West Germany in 1956, the centenary of his death; and East Germany (souvenir sheet) and West Germany in 1972, the 175th anniversary of his birth. The Romanian stamp reproduces the famous 1831 portrait by Moritz Oppenheim.

Heine's career was filled with many paradoxes. It has been said that his inconsistent attitude towards Judaism symbolized the situation of many German Jews of his era. He grew up in Dusseldorf where Jews had been emancipated under Napoleon, and shocked when their short-lived rights disappeared during the period of reaction.

Due to his schooling, Heine's knowledge of Judaism was limited and even confused, although he was always aware of his Jewish background. While a student in Berlin he was active for a while in Jewish affairs; however, he allowed himself to be baptized to receive his doctorate from the University of Gottingen. With the exception of this degree, his conversion brought him few advantages. Both before and after this event, he mocked those who "...crawl to the cross."

Heine's early writings, many of which satirized religious bigotry and political reaction, forced him to leave Germany in 1831. He went to France where he found that people were more receptive to his works. His many poems and essays included numerous Jewish themes; however, it is difficult to understand his changing thoughts on Jewish matters.

In his later life especially after the Damascus Affair (1840), Heine became particularly interested in the Bible and Jewish history and wrote some of his important Jewish literature including **Prinzessin Sabbat** and **Jehuda ben Halevy**. In 1850, Heine stated that "I make no secret of my Judaism, to which I have not returned because I never left it."

Heine's works have become world-famous and have influenced many other important writers. Many of his poems have been put to musical settings. The poem **Die Lorelei** was so popular that it was included in German anthologies during the Nazi period and ascribed to an unknown writer.

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The first stamp honoring Golda Meir has finally appeared. A set of five stamps was recently issued by St. Lucia in memory of the two late Popes. They depict meetings of Pope Paul VI with world leaders. One stamp shows the Pope shaking hands with Golda Meir while prime minister at their meeting January 17, 1973.

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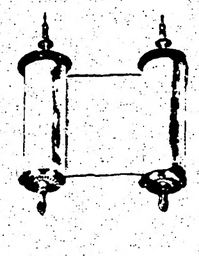

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Matos — Masei/The Three Weeks
Weekly Halacha: It is forbidden to hate a fellow Jew

It is not enough to know the Shulchan Aruch, the Code of Laws. You have to apply it to every part of your life.

A son-in-law brought his father-in-law to a din Torah to Rabbi Hillel Apschitz. The father-in-law had promised to pay dowry for ten years so that the son-in-law should be able to study Torah. After five years he refused to pay any further.

The father-in-law argued: "But rabbi, in the Pirkai Avot it is written: 'Tov Torah im derech eretz...Torah is good with worldly occupation...' Isn't it time my son-in-law fulfilled that?"

Answered the Rebbe: "I'd rather your son-in-law forget one mishneh and acquire the whole Torah, than he should remember that mishneh and lose a chance at the whole Torah..." (Fun Unzer Alten Oitzer)

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Torah is not just a dry book. It is not just reading material. A person has to guide himself by it, even when it hurts.

Tov Torah in derech eretz! Torah is good with worldly occupations! A person davens, puts on Tefillen, that's fine, but it's not enough. He has to apply Torah — the laws of honesty, fairness, ethics to his business dealings, his worldly occupation. If a person takes even a penny that is not coming to him, he transgresses the Torah.

The greatest kiddush Hashem is when an observant Jew sets the highest standard of honesty, and kindness. When a religious Jew does something unethical, it is a much worse chillul Hashem than for anyone else.

The Ethics of the Fathers warns: "If you have studied much Torah...al tachzik tova l'atzmecha — don't give yourself too many **tovas**, pats on the back..."

Tova means many things. It means "good", but it also means "favor". If you've studied a lot of Torah, don't do yourself a lot of favors. Don't find loopholes for yourself, **heteirim** that let you do questionable acts, while when it comes judging others, you are super strict.

It's the other way around. Especially now, during the Three Weeks when we mourn the destruction of Jerusalem, we have to be tough on ourselves, but forgiving and liberal with others.

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It's never good to hold too highly of yourself.

The Brisker Rav had two sons. The younger one, Chaim, was ten years old and already a brilliant scholar.

The father asked his youngster. "Tell me, who is smarter, your older brother or you."

The boy considered a minute and answered: "Whatever I say will be wrong. If I say my older brother is smarter, I'd be a liar. But if I say I'm smarter, I would be a baal gaavoh, a show-off."

And now you've succeeded in being both," the father answered shortly.

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A little bit of love is what we need. Never mind our enemies. We may earn their respect, but their love?

Not among ourselves. There is no room for Jewish anti-Semitism. No room for hatreds, jealousy, thoughts of revenge. Even when we violently disagree, yet we have to love and forgive each other.

In the parsha it describes how the Jews made 48 different stops on their way from Egypt to the Promised Land. Since we have been thrown out of Eretz Yisrael 1909 years ago, we have still not stopped wandering. There's no hope, there's no security, until the Messiah comes, and we all find our four cubits in Eretz Yisrael.

The Temple is still not rebuilt. Millions of Jews are still in grave danger. **Al me lanu l'heesha'ain?** Who can count on? Only our Father in Heaven, who will redeem us, when we have unite as one people. Amen! Shabbat Shalom.

Singing from experience

Down the road go the scintillating Oppenheims.

By MURRAY MALKIN

TORONTO—

To most parents of children less than 12 years old, the name of the singing group, Sandy Offenheim and Family, probably doesn't mean very much. But to their children—members of the Sesame Street set—the Offenheims are a popular singing team.

The family—Sandy (mother), Harold (father), Stephen, 10 "going on 11," and Nadine, 13—have been involved in show business, on a part-time basis, for just a little more than four years. It's a career that began quite by accident a few years back when Sandy published a book of children's songs that turned out to be a great success.

"I started writing songs about my children about six years ago," Mrs. Offenheim says. "I was just a mommy with kids. Then the songbook came out and was very popular.

"One thing led to the next, and we were asked (coaxed) to do a record," she added. "At first we were reluctant."

Now, after cutting three albums, much of that reluctance has disappeared, with all of the family confessing that they enjoy performing. "It's just that we couldn't spend full-time doing it," Sandy says. "I want my kids to be normal, have their friends."

The Offenheims recently put on three shows at Ontario Place, singing some of their hit tunes about mudpuddles and cold stethoscopes to a crowd that spanned from babes in strollers to grandparents. Everybody seemed to enjoy the music because it was basically a lot of fun.

And any time you can get a kid to sit still for 40 minutes—which the Offenheims accomplished—you must be doing something correct. It's a cute act, fast-paced with about a dozen songs. There's a bit of choreography, a clown and audience participation on a number of the tunes.

Besides putting on rare shows a couple of times a year, which has included a Chanukah concert at their shul, Adath Israel, Mrs. Offenheim runs a lot of teachers' workshops, teaching the teachers how to use her songs as learning tools. "Basically, the songs are fun," Mrs. Offenheim says. "A teacher will use songs like **Spaghetti** to introduce a section on food, so they become more than a song."

About 20,000 of the Offenheims' albums are sold annually. Mrs. Offenheim writes the music and lyrics, calling in a professional arranger to coordinate things in the final stages. All in all, she says it takes about one year to put the record together.

"All of the songs on the records come from personal experiences," Mrs. Offenheim says. "My songs are more and more silly stuff all the time. They've gone way beyond 'the bend.'" Even though Mrs. Offenheim does all of the writing, her family often tries to help out by suggesting songs for her to write.

She said jokingly that the suggestions are usually in vain.

"My husband is always saying: 'Hey, that's a great idea for a song,' but he only gives me the first four lines of the song."

Official synagogue school

TORONTO —

The Beth Torah Congregation and the North York Community Hebrew School announced their recent affiliation last week. The NYCHS will now become the official school of the large North York Conservative synagogue.

Rabbi Solomon Domb of the synagogue and principals Doreen and Samuel Gwosdy of the NYCHS predict a close working relationship between the synagogue and the school, to build stronger ties with the Jewish community, education, youth and religious programming.

Rabbi Domb said "Jewish education and synagogue life for the Jews are synonymous. The school's 500 children will enhance their commitment through affiliation."

Mr. Gwosdy added that "the affiliation will further encourage greater religious opportunities for the students attending the NYCHS. Not only will they continue to learn Hebrew, but will be full participants in synagogue life at Beth Torah.

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VINTAGE RADIOS ARE LINK TO DISRUPTED PAST

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

For Mihal Batsch, 49, radios have been a way of life, encompassing nostalgia and sentimentality and creating a link to his boyhood in Poland torn apart by World War II.

Batsch, the son of a Polish-Jewish woman and an Austrian Gentile, was born in Kattowitze, a town in Upper Silesia not far from Krakow. His mother managed the family's variety store while his father looked after their small apartment building. The business — and his childhood — was brought to an abrupt end when the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939.

Because his father was a Christian, they were able to evade the Germans' immediate anti-Jewish edicts. But soon the gestapo settled into the city to apply their more efficient technique of rendering it "Juden-rein.' They began going through all civic and clerical records to determine if there were any Jews left. As soon as Batsch's father heard of this, he ran to the priest's office to have him destroy the copy of his marriage certificate on file there.

The priest looked sympathetic, but he refused to help. He said it would be unlawful for him to destroy anything from the public records; doing so could get him arrested or even shot on the spot by the gestapo. The elder Batsch begged, but the priest was adamant. He was about to leave in despair.

The priest told him to wait a moment; he himself had to leave, and would he, the elder Batsch, mind the office for him until he returned. While speaking, the priest pointedly opened the records to reveal the marriage certificate.

As soon as the priest stepped out of the room, Batsch's father ripped the certificate out and tore it into shreds.

"I guess the priest didn't know if my father was himself telling the truth or was an agent of the gestapo," Batsch told The Canadian Jewish News. "He left it up to him to do what he wanted."

(Ben Lechtman)

Mihal Batsch in his store

During the time of the German occupation, the only source of entertainment for the boy was a small crystal radio set his father gave him several years earlier. It was useful, too, informing the family of the progress of the war.

In early 1945, the Russian advance from the east, preceded by a German scorched-earth policy and a variety of horror stories, prompted the Batsch family to flee Kattowitze. They went to Vienna, where his father still had relatives. "Those last few months of the war were worse for us than anything before," recalls Batsch. "We lived in the city's outskirts. At night we slept in the nearby woods, afraid that we too might be butchered in the Germans' final burst of madness."

When the Russians came in, a semblance of order was restored to the city. The Batsch family found lodging in the American sector, and eventually were accepted for immigration to Canada, to where they came in 1951.

Here, as he worked for Canadian General Electric's plant on Lansdowne Avenue, he resumed his interest in radios, as a hobby. He also began collecting wind-up gramophones and old sets, changing the latters' tubes, condensors, amplifiers and cabinet parts, if necessary, to restore them to their original playing condition.

"Life was reasonably good. I had my hobby, and what I thought was a secure job that I would ultimately retire from. And then, a couple of years ago, our manager died. The whole department fell apart. Three-quarters of the staff of 24 — including me — found themselves unemployed. At the age of 45, I was out of a job."

Searching for jobs brought him to the edge of despair.

At that point in his life, he turned to his hobby for a livelihood. He rented the back section of an antique shop on Bayview Avenue, several blocks from his home, and set up a little radio repair and restoration shop. Customers were scarce at first: his shop within a shop was all but buried away from the street's walk-in trade.

Several months later, good luck broke in on him. The antique shop was being disbanded, and he was able to move his fledgling business to the front end of the store. For the first time, he had access to a show window.

"Things really began for me, then," said Batsch. "I would restore a console, put it in the window, and in two days, it would be sold. People started coming in to look around, to bring in their own old sets to sell or have fixed, and to buy my restorations inside. I started to acquire a number of 78 rpm. records." He now has hundreds of old Broadway and dozens of big band, original Al Jolson, and cantorial selections.

About half-a-year ago, Batsch expanded, taking Vintage Radio and Gramophone across the street to a larger location. Business, while not exactly booming, is steady, and he is booked up in repairs for several months ahead.

Batsch's fully restored radios cost from between $35, for a '50s plastic cabinet AM radio to $150, for, say, a multi-band (AM and several short-wave bands, FM not having come on the scene until the late '50s) floor model in a walnut cabinet. All radios, with new tubes, electrolytics, line chords and condensors, are safe and fully guaranteed for 90 days.

Classic wooden cathedral sets of the '30s run from $100 and up.

"Basically, people are interested in old sets for sentimental reasons or nostalgia. A woman, for example, brought in a radio from the '40s to be fixed. When I told her it would cost twice as much as the set was worth, she didn't object. She explained that it had been a gift from an old boyfriend, and it meant very much to her.

"People moving from a house to an apartment want a reminder of the kind of lifestyle they left behind, one which also serves as an impressive conversation piece."

For the most discriminating — and wealthy — of buffs, Batsch offers a collection of Edison phonographs. These collectors' items, cylinder-playing phonographs dating back to the late 1800s, range in price from $200 to $1,000.

But, radio or gramophone, Batsch's sets are not for prolonged daily operation. If a customer is interested in something for prolonged daily play, Batsch suggests a $15 transistor from a department store.

Batsch points out that a shortage of vacuum tubes and other parts — no longer being manufactured makes the maintenance of older sets more difficult than that of late model transistorized receivers. Batsch gets a few of the parts he needs from specialized dealers. Most come from discard sets he finds or is given. "In the summer, I spend all my weekends scouring the countryside for old radios. The price I get my parts at will determine what I charge to a point. When a dealer wants $50 for one tube — say, a WD11 or a R215A — I have to say 'no thanks'. People will not want to pay that sort of money, unless it's a special set. I either wait for a tube to show up at a more reasonable price, or I rework the set so that it can function with a substitute."

As far as radios are concerned, Batsch points out that they indeed did build them better in the old days. "Most recent sets have no facilities for an outdoor AM antenna. Also, presumably because there are so many more stations in metropolitan areas, new sets have much weaker signal amplifiers. If you're out in the country far from local stations, an older set can serve you better."

'The World of Jews and Judaica' explores many topics of interest

By MURRAY MALKIN

TORONTO —

Even though he probably won't admit it, Jeffrey Jacobs is a walking encyclopedia on the world of Jews and Judaica. So its rather appropriate that he should be a host of a weekly cable television program entitled **The World of Jews and Judaica.**

The problem is that Jacobs feels that "many people don't even know the program exists." (It's seen on Willowdowns Cable at 7 p.m., Wednesday and 9:30 p.m. Thursday).

It encompasses a large variety of topics ranging from stamps and coins to interviews with rabbis, Jewish politicians, show business personalities and collectors of Judaica.

Jacobs said the show is non-profit, with any expenses for the program coming out of his own pocket. "Unfortunately," Jacobs said, "if the show doesn't get any viewing support it will be taken off the air."

The 23-year-old host told The CJN that if cable subscribers in areas not serviced by Willowdowns want to see the show they can make arrangements through their own cable company. "Under the CRTC each cable station needs a certain amount of community television, so there's a good chance they'd try to get my program on their cable system."

When Menachem Begin was in Toronto last fall, Willowdowns had exclusive rights to his interviews and speeches while here, but because of a high demand they were seen on all the cable stations in the Metro area.

Jacobs feels if more people were aware of the show there'd be a bigger demand to see it across the city. "There's a lack of Jewish shows. We need something of a Jewish interest for our large Jewish population."

Jacobs said it's often difficult to get guests on the program because they feel there's not a large enough audience watching.

He said anybody who has anything of interest for the program can contact him at: P.O. Box 70, Station L, Toronto M6E 4Y4.

El Al boss resigns

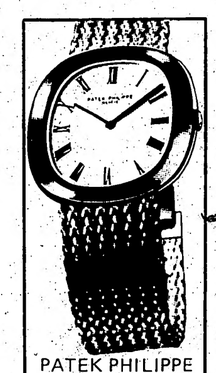
TEL AVIV [JCNS]—

Haim Landau, the Israeli transport minister, has accepted the resignation of Mordechai Hod, 53, who has been managing director of El Al, the national airline, since November 1977. Hod tendered his resignation on a number of occasions, but these were not accepted.

Hod, who was commander of Israel's Air Force for seven years until May 1973, said that he believed that the time was now appropriate to leave because industrial peace was assured for El Al at least until the autumn.

His departure follows the cancellation of sanctions by ground grews at Ben-Gurion Airport who returned to work on Monday only after they were promised advances on the higher pay they would receive in future.

Rafi Harlev, Hod's deputy, has been appointed acting managing director.



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Arts

This is Yona Sherbansky's drawing of the odd-ball characters who appear in "Light Up The Sky", a play by the noted Moss Hart.

'Light Up the Sky'

Central Playhouse presents best of Broadway comedies

theatre

By JENIVA BERGER

TORONTO—
The Actors Ensemble Theatre of Canada is a new group of young performers operating out of the old rehearsal home of the Toronto Dance Theatre on Broadview Avenue. Now called Central Playhouse, its artistic director, Stephen Litchin, also has a principal role in the group's first production, **Light Up the Sky**. For coming attractions, Litchin would like to present the best of the 1930 and 1940 classical comedies.

For many reasons, it seems a delicious and enterprising move. With the penchant for nostalgia currently invading the theatre, the old Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman vehicles, amongst others, seem sure audience bait. Moreover, many of the comedies are gems of the period, well crafted, and good fun.

The Central Playhouse itself is well kept, spacious, and cool with comfortable seating for a fair number of people who can, at intervals, come downstairs and take refreshments in a pleasant room.

With all of this going for it, it's a shame that the effervescence which lit up the Central Playhouse, didn't find its way to the stage where Hart's **Light Up the Sky** produced mere alternating high and low currents.

Hart's 1948 comedy about the zany, sometimes cruel but always colorful characters who populate a naive young playwright's world on the eve of the premiere of his first play, is by no means a masterpiece. He based the experiences of the young playwright Peter Sloan in **Light Up the Sky** upon his own, when, as a novice playwright in the 1930s he achieved overnight recognition with **Once in a Lifetime**.

Light Up the Sky is at the same time a valentine and a slap on the wrist to the egomania and fickleness of show people. Though the dialogue is antiquated, the play is spirited, has brisk repartee and contains more than a generous helping of the stereotype characters which gentile society then thought populated the theatre world. It's more surface than substance with Hart's one concession to the world of real human beings manifested through his playwright, Peter Sloan, a bird of prey who emerges at the end, battered, but a little wiser and better off for his bloodbath.

The problem with the Actors Ensemble production of **Light Up the Sky** was that director, Richard Rose, for some obscure reason, chose to interpret Hart's comedy as a Pirandello play, full of "reflecting mirrors" which, as explained in the program notes, "allowed the audience to journey beyond the walls and the facade of the theatre."

Since the joy of Hart's comedy is conversely, a revelling in that facade, there was understandably a clash between the playwright's intent and the director's purpose. Pregnant pauses almost gutted the production (the play ran almost 3½ hours) and at times, characters left the action entirely and sat off by themselves at the far end of the set in Chekovian contemplation.

Had Anne Seally's attractive art deco set been left alone on its own merits, that would have been enough, but Rose chose to have the walls transparent so that the audience could see the backstage technician creeping around the set like The Shadow taking the part of a talking parrot and banging on something every time a door onstage was slammed.

The actors were at their best when they let their own good instincts lead the way—usually during scenes when everyone was onstage together. The rollicking repartee which followed was an indication of the crackle the production should have consistently attained.

Litchin as producer Sidney Black had the right flamboyance for his role as did Laurie Rossiter as his wise-cracking wife. And Dalia Tanner, as the secretary-ghost writer for the hypertonic star Irene Livingston, seemed the most at ease onstage in a part which often called for her to react; a difficult feat at any time, but a mountainous task in a comedy fraught with inexplicable psychological meanings in place of bright pacing.

Hopefully, Litchin will be able to build an audience for the Actors Ensemble. Audiences, however, don't flock to good intentions alone. They like to be entertained. It's a cue that the company might take from the playwrights whose works they'll be performing.

Earthy Israeli pop singer Damari is as good as stars Piaf and Garland

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Shoshana Damari is one of the greatest singers of all time. Her earthy deep alto voice and unique individuality, fusing pathos, exuberance and sensual reflectiveness, place her in that same rarified-stellar category as Piaf and Judy Garland. A basic foundation-pillar of Israeli culture, who has toured extensively around the world—and now a renowned painter as well—she needs a unique incentive in order for her to leave Israel nowadays. That incentive is the most noble cause for fundamental Jewish survival today: the wounded Israeli soldier, without whose efforts we as Jews might not even exist today. And it was precisely this incentive, for which and for whom she constantly performs inside Israel, which brought Shoshana Damari on an extremely rare and special trip to Toronto on June 27: to perform, with her daughter Navah Basmi (herself a very skillful singer-composer-lyricist who has just recorded an album of her own songs) at a benefit Peace Celebration to inaugurate the newly formed Canadian Youth Society for Wounded Israeli Soldiers at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. As society chairman Moshe Nachum so aptly stated: "There cannot be a more dignified available honor than to have Shoshana Damari perform." After all, it was she who was the only singer to perform in Beersheva in front of both Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat.

Shoshana Damari

The Canadian Youth Society for Wounded Israeli Soldiers was recently established by several young Israelis resident here in Toronto who felt that this would be the best way to express their gratitude towards Israel while resident here.

The society is totally linked with the heroic efforts within Israel by Simcha Holtzberg. This concentration camp survivor, who lost his entire family in the Holocaust, is using all of his West German reparations to help the wounded Israeli soldiers. For his remarkable work, which includes, among other activities, the financing of expensive rehabilitation operations and the purchase of wedding rings for brides of the wounded, he received the Israel Peace and Activity Award. Typical of the undertakings of Holtzberg for which the Society hopes to support is the proposed rehabilitation operation of Israel Cohen, who lost both arms in the 1967 war and for whom treatment is available only in an experimental-innovation hospital in Idaho. "World Jewry and the Israeli government are doing the maximum for the wounded soldiers," states society chairman Moshe Nachum, "but it is never enough." Himself a battle-scarred veteran of all of the major Israeli wars, who lost his father in the 1948 war; he looks at himself and says: "Thank God I'm still a whole man."

Through this extremely vital activity, the society hopes to get the resident Israelis here much more involved in Jewish community life here in Toronto.

This Shoshana Damari benefit concert will be only the first major event in the society's activities. Besides embarking in fund-raising activities, the society will sponsor more concerts on this top calibre and also conduct, three to four times per year, large public functions whose prime purpose is to socially mix Israelis and Canadian Jews.

Music is a most ideal vehicle to promote this spirit of solidarity for survival. And, as far as music goes, none surpasses Shoshana Damari. Her songs remain eternal. And today, the young people of Israel, in contrast to the spirit of several years ago when they wanted her to initiate American rock and roll, honor her by performing her songs in faithful adherence to her spirit of earthy, intelligent sophistication.

CONDOLENCES: I with to extend my profoundest sympathy to the family and friends of the late Sam Yuchtman, producer of **Shalom** and the **Ontario Jewish Hour** on radio station CHIN, who passed away recently.

Thrillers are good summer reading

book review

By BERNARD BASKIN

Cabal
By Norman Garbo,
Norton, $12.95
The Jerusalem Diamond
By Noah Gordon
Random House of Canada
$12.95

Long summer days are ideal for light fiction that entertains, gently informs, but makes few intellectual demands. The two books under review are well plotted fast-paced thrillers involving Israel. They keep the reader riveted to the pages as the hours pass.

Cabal has an intriguing thesis. A group of talented and determined American Jews have banded together in an underground organization called "Chai" to assure the survival of Israel and to protect Jewish rights everywhere. The leader of this international network, a former professor turned editor, is courageous, imaginative, intelligent — and lucky. He survives two attempts on his life, planned by an unscrupulous Jewish presidential advisor who is anxious to become the American secretary of state. This villain of the piece is himself saved from death at the hands of the neo-Nazi American Renaissance Party by a Chai undercover agent who had infiltrated the anti-Jewish organization.

Basic to the novel is a description of how Jewish secret agents in the United States help to sway public opinion as well as government policy during the Six Day War of 1967.

Garbo tends to be cynical about vaunted American idealism. He assumes that a future president of the United States has been forced to turn from his support of Israel to the oil-rich Arab countries. He is convinced that given the choice of preserving Israel or having to make sacrifices because of limited oil supplies the average American will opt for convenience.

The author is a fervid defender of Israel and convinced that international anti-Semitism is still a menace. He has smoothly packaged these convictions in an ingenious, never-flagging story.

Noah Gordon, well-known for his novel **The Rabbi** is a fine writer who, in his latest book, depicts the international competition and tensions that develop when a fabulous diamond comes to light.

Originally part of the treasure of the ancient Holy Temple in Jerusalem, the diamond has passed through many hands ending up in modern times in the Vatican. Stolen from the Vatican, the gem has surfaced in Jerusalem and an eminent Jewish diamond merchant is employed by the Vatican to recover the diamond. But there are other claimants including Israel and several Arab countries.

The author has done considerable research on the diamond business, on how the Dead Sea Scrolls are deciphered and on the history of anti-Semitism. He introduces this often absorbing, but extraneous, material into the story which tends to slow down the action.

I enjoyed both of these novels. Recommended as helpful aids to summer reading are a sturdy hammock, a long cool drink and a willing suspension of disbelief.

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THE RECORD RACK

The Famous 1938 Carnegie Hall Jazz Concert (Columbia CL816)

Forty one years ago, Benny Goodman and some of his talented friends got together at New York's Carnegie Hall and recorded an album that big band aficionados still speak of fondly. Columbia Records has released it again, and it's as good as ever.

Among the hits are **Bei Mir Bist Du Schon**, Shalom Secunda's 1936 Yiddish favorite; **China Boy**, a remarkable piece of music-making; **Stompin' At The Savoy, Dizzy Spells, Sing Sing Sing** and **Big John's Special.**

Benny Goodman is on clarinet; Hymie Shertzer on alto sax; George Koening, Babe Russin and Art Rollin on tenor sax; Harry James, Ziggy Elman and Chris Griffin on trumpet; Vernon Brown and Red Ballard on trombone; Gene Krupa on drums; Jess Stacey on piano; Harry Goodman on bass; Lionel Hampton on vibraphone, and Martha Tilton singing.

The recording has a certain old-time tinny quality, but that only enhances the 1930s atmosphere it exudes.

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Symphony No. 9 in D Minor, Choral Egmont Incidental Music
Ludwig Van Beethoven
Angel Records (Capitol Records in Canada)

Beethoven's **Symphony No. 9 in D Minor** is a major work, marking as it does the highest point in the history of the symphony's development. It is Beethoven's ultimate gift to classical music, his timeless monument.

Otto Klemperer does justice to the 9th in conducting the Philharmonica Orchestra and Chorus. Like a rivulet that by turns develops into a stream and then a gushing torrent, the 9th builds to a smashing climax, engulfing the listener and transfixing his senses. One never tires of the 9th, and Angel's version — which is at once serene and soaring — ensures that this will be the case for many more years.

Klemperer is a distinguished conductor, having worked in the greatest musical capitals. He is accompanied by four superb singers — Hans Hotter, Christa Ludwig, Aase Nordmo Loevberg and Waldemar Kmentt.

On the flip side of the second record in this album, Klemperer leads the Philharmonic in Beethoven's **Egmont, Incidental Music.** Brigit Nilsson is the soprano. It is a delightful piece of music, low and sonorous, and contrasts sharply with the 9th.

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The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan
CBS Recordings (KC588786)

Bob Dylan lives in a big, expensive house in California these days, the guru of what seems to be left of the American counter-culture of the 1960s. He isn't active anymore, being content to live on his laurels. Even if he does that for the rest of his life, Dylan will have nothing to worry about. He's already something of a legend.

This recording was originally released in 1963, when Dylan was in his early 20s. With his soulful harmonica and wistful voice, Dylan is as fresh as ever. His songs — **Blown' In the Wind, A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall, Don't Think Twice, I'm All Right** — are models of spontaneity, candor, wit, tenderness and cynicism. There are 12 songs on this recording and practically each one is memorable. The passage of time has hardly dimmed his talents.

As you listen to Dylan, you hear the influence of such practitioners of the art as Hank Williams, Leadbelly, Woody Guthrie, Big Joe Williams and Muddy Waters. He adopted their style and made them his own. And he, in turn, influenced an entire generation fond of that wailing, throbbing sound so much favored by folk artists today.

The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan brings back pleasant memories of another era, but reminds us that the social and political problems Dylan's generation grappled with have yet to be solved.

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Starborn Suite
By Steven Halpern (HS780)

Relax, this is Steven Halpern.

Halpern's music is tailor-made for nervous types who can't sit still without worrying about this or that problem. As he puts it: "It offers you an anti-frantic alternative to the noise pollution and stress-producing sounds that permeate our sonic environment." Pretentious, but true. **Starborn Suite** is composed of sweet, dreamy celestial strings and crystalline electric piano music. It's soothing to the ears, but it's not great music.

Starborn Suite is Halpern's third album in his Soundscape series. His address: Halpern Sounds Inc., P.O. Box 720, Palo Alto, California 94302, U.S.A.

Painter's vibrant colors attract instant attention

art

By MARSHA ROVAN

TORONTO —

The first thing to catch the eye is color. The reds dance, the blues hum, the pinks sail on still waters, and black strokes the canvas. Those lines are reminiscent of musical notes, sometimes lightning bolts. The paintings demand and deserve a closer look.

They are the work of painter Arnold Leventhal, and are part of a group show titled **Artist's Choice /New Faces,** now on at York University's Glendon Campus Gallery, 2275 Bayview Ave.

The two painters and one sculptor in the show represent the choices of three artists asked for their recommendation of lesser knowns. They include Clarissa Inglis's sculpture which is derived from domestic objects, Peter Schotman collages, and Arnold Leventhal's paintings.

Arnold Leventhal is originally from Winnipeg, where he studied Fine Arts and exhibited in his own Experiment Gallery.

Leventhal's four paintings are acrylics on canvas, selected from a ten-piece series titled **Mutual/Desire**, a theme the artist has been working with for two-and-a-half years.

Leventhal is reflective about his work; its style, sources, and themes. "The pieces are not abstract as I understand the definition," he says, "being not a moment of artistic metamorphosis, but experiences turned into art."

The source of his images are not immediately apparent. Derived from Egyptian and Mayan mythology, the cubist tradition, and the artist's experience in his environment, they evolve into a personal symbolism. A language that may be complex and elusive to the viewer.

The theme of **Mutual/Desire** as expressed by Leventhal is about relationships. Two personalities in confusion. "unity is formed in their mutual search and the desire which motivates the search."

All of which offers, by way of explanation, a potentially deeper appreciation of the work. But the eye wanders away from the elusive mythology, cubist elements, relationship of search and desire, to the most basic relationship in the work: that of the color and the form, and it is to that, response is strong and immediate.

The painting titled "WMW" (woman man woman) is an attraction, with or without explanation. A canvas of moving lines on a red background, the lines on the edge of dancing off the canvas are somehow contained and controlled. This piece succeeds as it is dynamic and visually exciting.

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Israel halts delivery of arms to Nicaragua

WASHINGTON (JTA)—

Israel halted the shipment of two patrol boats to the Somoza government of Nicaragua following discussions with the United States, according to the U.S. State Department. In an intensive discussion of the halt in Israel's shipment of war supplies to Nicaragua, the department said Monday that Israel ended "arms contracts" with that country in 1978 and that in the case of the patrol boats the "response" of Israeli authorities "was swift and helpful." The U.S. had asked that no arms be transmitted to either the Somoza forces or the Sandinista rebels.

Responding to questions from reporters, department spokesman Tom Reston said that "the Israeli arms shipment to Nicaragua came up" Monday because of "reports that a Liberian freighter, 'Lagos Star,' was carrying two Israel-made Devorah class 105-foot patrol boats to Nicaragua. The government of Israel ordered the patrol boats not to proceed to Nicaragua and return the patrol boats to Israel."

Reston said "the government of Israel has assured the United States that it ended arms contracts with Nicaragua in mid-1978." He added: "In this particular case, the patrol boats were contracted for some three years ago, well before the recent decision of many nations to halt arms flows to either side in the Nicaraguan dispute."

He explained that "when senior Israeli government officials became aware of this particular shipment they ordered it turned back." Reston was unable to provide elements about the case and said he did not know where the Liberian ship is at present. Asked if Israel was unaware of the shipment to Nicaragua until the U.S. informed the Israelis about it, Reston replied that he did not know how the Israelis were informed. He also could not say when the incident of the patrol boat took place or the technicalities "legally" involved in Israel's cancellation of contracts with Nicargua.

"We did not pressure Israel on this matter," Reston said. "We made our position plain and that is all I have to say about it."

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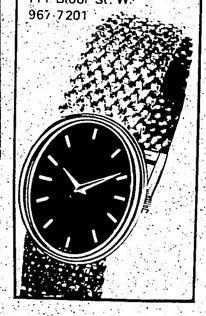

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Bathurst-Lawrence 3 bedroom bungalow, finished basement. $550. 787-6203, 787-7892. 19

HOUSE FOR SALE

4-plex, Markdale, Bathurst-Eglinton area. $185,000. 789-5476. 19

Bathurst-Finch
Private. Luxury sidesplit, 3 bedroom plus rosewood den, 3 baths, central air, finished basement apt, near transportation, schools, synagogues. 633-3279, 487-5856. 19

Private. Bathurst-Finch. Lovely 4 bedroom backsplit. Walk-out family room, den, 4 baths, rec. room with bar, fireplace, central air, alarm, drapes and fixtures. 225-3546, 225-7407. 19

Bathurst-Finch, Steeles, 454 Patricia. 9 room backsplit, newly decorated. Sale/Rent. Close to shopping, schools, synagogues. After 7, 221-4600. 19

Spacious luxury sidesplit, 4 bedrooms, main floor family room, 2 fireplaces, intercom, vacuum, shower controls, and many more. Lot 50'x150'. Must sell. Relocating. $139,000. 222-1706. 19

HOUSES FOR SALE

Avenue Rd.-Downtown
Ideal for doctor, architect, decorator. Live comfortably in a spacious 4 bdrm. 4 bath semi. Ample parking.

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Dunvegan Rd.
Luxury, immaculate 5 bdrm. 4 baths, secluded pool size lot. Asking $290,000. G. Halas Rltr. Ltd. 925-1121 or 783-1791.

HOUSES FOR SALE

FISCHER LEVIN ltd. REALTOR

Bathurst Manor Properties
$155,000 5 bedrooms plus family room, cathedral ceiling, modern kitchen. Mr. Frankel 487-5277.

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$135,000 3 bedrooms plus family room, beautiful lot, fully equipped. Mr. Frankel 487-5277.

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Bathurst-Sheppard $85,600
Large 8 room solid brick. Double drive, garage. 2 self-contained 4 room apartment. Move-in condition. Shawn Rush 636-5200.

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Bathurst-Sheppard $109,500
9 room split-level, attached garage. Ultra modern kitchen, main floor panelled family room, 3 baths, walk-out to fenced garden, central air, 5 appliances. Many extras. 10% open mortgage. Shawn Rush 636-5200.
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Sheppard-Yonge — Doctors — Dentists
Detached building, 3 offices & reception at front entry & 3 bdrm. residence at rear. 8 car parking, excellent value! $119,900. Mildred Cappe. 226-6390.

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108 Baycrest Ave. Bathurst-Wilson Best Buy!
Reduced $20,000. Very large 3-4 bdrm. bungalow, 3 baths, huge lot, gigantic lower level. Subway bus at door. Vendor has bought! Mildred Cappe. 226-6390.

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Exceptional 2 bdrm. corner suite, 3 baths, family rm., Florida rm., super health spa. You deserve this care-free life style. Mildred Cappe. 226-6390.

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Skymark II Excellent Selection Available
From $51,500. 1 & 2 bdrm units. Florida rm., insuite locker laundry, central air, tennis & squash crts., indoor outdoor pools. Elaine Harris/ Evelyn Baran. 226-6390.

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2nd floor beauty! Ceramic tile kitchen floor, appliances, laundry rm. Mirror hi lites. 8¾% open mtge. Hurry for this one! Joan Tromans. 226-6390, 661-0081.

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Real Estate Ltd. Realtor

Bathurst & Eglinton — Family Room & Den on Main
This centre hall home is air-conditioned, has practical modern kitchen with breakfast area, master ensuite plus 3 other bedrooms and completely finished lower level. Conveniently located near transit and shopping. Asking $144,500. Anne Grimson 789-4325.

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Bayview/Steeles — Fabulous — 4 Bdrms & Den
A gracious home with fine details for both entertaining and family management. Open fireplace in panelled family room with walkout to patio. Dream kitchen, main floor laundry, master with 4 pc. ensuite and walk-in closets. Huge recreation room, playroom and additional room for help. Circular staircase, walkouts, centrally aired, automatic double garage. Asking $169,400. Glady Weisfeld, 789-4325.

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Hunting for a Home In Lower Forest Hill?
An exciting Tudor with a spacious centre hall, main guest powder room, knotty pine modern kitchen and sitting room adjoining breakfast area. Master has 4 pc. ensuite bath and custom built-in cupboards. Three other bedrooms plus two additional bathrooms. Hardwood floors in recreation room, double garage. Asking $192,500. Renee Bald, 789-4325.

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Forest Hill — 2 Storey — 5 Bdrms — Den
A spacious layout planned for large scale entertaining and quite managable for daily living. Spotless condition throughout, large principal rooms, modern kitchen, and huge bedrooms. 5 washrooms, finished lower level, automatic garage and central air. Asking $219,000. Maggie Powell 789-4325.

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Country Atmosphere — Lower Forest Hill
Beautiful trim, panelling and massive oak doors accentuate country atmosphere. Set back from street to provide more privacy and charm. 6 bedrooms, formal panelled dining room, main laundry and powder room, lovely lower level family room, double garage, pool size lot, central air. Bill Greisman, 789-4325.

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Prestigious Bayview — SuperLot — Distinctive Home
For the choosey buyer in search of quality, location and price. This 5 bedroom home has a family room and panelled library, kitchen with walkout to lovely garden and main floor laundry room. Fully finished lower level consists of recreation room with panelled built-in bar and room for help. Intercom, burglar alarm, central air, automatic garage are only some of many features. Aim high — it's all under one roof. Joyce Friedlich, 789-4325.

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Lower Village — Handsome Georgian — 6 Bdrms
Its centre hall styling offers a feeling of spaciousness to excellent living room, dining room and fabulous garden room with 3 skylights. Modernized kitchen with breakfast room, guest powder room complete main level. Vaulted ceiling in library off landing — a treat for the eyes. Super master with dressing room and 4 pc. ensuite Babs Wineberg, 789-4325.

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Lower Village — Just Listed — Exclusive — $375,000
A quality 3 storey residence featuring main floor den, 2nd level has family room. Ultra white and brown modular kitchen with centre island, tremendous living room, panelled dining room and reception hall. 5 full bathrooms, 2 powder rooms, high panelled recreation room — perfect for screening, 4 bedrooms on 2nd & more on 3rd. High ceilings, stained floors, recent roof, circuit breakers. Very handsome. Barry Tsur, 789-4325.

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Lower Village — Spectacular Residence
Outstanding Grounds
One of the finest 2 storey, 5 bedroom properties on the east side of Spadina Road. Gracious ground floor for grand entertainment with tremendous principal rooms and fine details, 3 full bathrooms, 2 powder rooms, walk-out lower level. Centrally air-conditioned, automatic double garage, possibilities for tennis court & swimming pool. Barry Tsur, 789-4325.

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Misty Crescent — Spectacular — Indoor Pool
Quality workmanship & materials pronounced throughout this very fine residence. Oversized lot, tremendous marble foyer, indoor pool, sauna, unique master suite, outstanding details throughout — A true showplace!!! Stan Grossman, 789-4325.

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Glencairn/Bathurst — Improved Bungalow
Split level, modest facade, enriched interior with super addition provides library, family room, games room, sewing room. Custom kitchen walnut panelling, built in shelving, open fireplaces. Quality pronounced throughout this 3 bedroom home. Magda Dobbeleir, 789-4325.

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Home For All Seasons
Executive Country Home — Roches Point
Architecturally designed home features 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, large comfortable family room with floor to ceiling fireplace. Walk-out to inground pool (16x32). Separate living and dining rooms with fireplace. Spacious eat-in family style kitchen, main floor den & powder room add up to luxurious country living. Maggie Powell or Glady Weisfeld, 789-4325.

HOUSES FOR SALE

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Bathurst-Lawrence
Bungalow — Just Listed!
$70,000 Charming 2 bedroom bungalow with attached garage. Good size rooms, 2 fireplaces, 2 baths, Rec room. Steps to subway/bus. 789-3473.

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Finch-Leslie
$72,900 Just listed! Super 4 bedroom 2 storey family home. Built in garage. Finished basement. Walk to Pickle Barrel. $7,000 down to one mortgage. Mrs. Bloom-789-3473.

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$87,900 2 storey home. Private drive, garage, finished basement, modernized, 10¼% open mortgage. Call Sheldon Laiwint 635-9945.

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3 bedroom bungalow, finished basement apartment, fireplace, double garage, 50'x 150' lot. Builder's home. Call Arnie Ross 635-9945.
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Harvey Kalles MLS 441-2888

Misty Cres. Area — $398,000 On the Park
Handsome 10 room 2 storey with 3 car garage. Magnificent master suite has sitting room with fireplace and walkout to balcony. Also 6 pce. en suite Main floor den as well as family room Lee Landsberg 441-2888.

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Breath-taking View — Arjay Cr.
$319,500 — Just under an acre of magnificent ravine property — unique ranch — 2 storey living room — all windows — 3 bedrooms. Could be your own private mini estate. Hilary Cohen or Elise Kalles 441-2888.

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New Exclusive One Acre Parkland — $379,900
Yorkridge-Old Yonge. Ranch bungalow, 4 bedrooms plus library, walk-out lower level to outstanding grounds. Exclusive with Joan Grant, 441-2888. 497-9755.

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York Mills-Bayview — Showcase Contemporary
$409,000 — Builder's own home featuring finest quality & workmanship. Elegant foyer, magnificent spiral staircase. Spacious principal room, completely finished lower level. Call Sonny Starr or Linda Richman 441-2888.

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Tennis Anyone? Old English Lane $495,000
Luxury living can be yours in this fabulous 2 storey home offering tennis court, 3 car garage, completely equipped gourmet kitchen. Finished with finest. S. Starr or L. Richman, 441-2888.

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Mt. Pleasant-Davisville Townhome $119,900
Two storey 3-bedroom completely renovated & up-dated with quality materials & plans, 3 baths, central air, a real smasher! Goldie Feldman 441-2888.

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Move-in Bungalow $98,900 — Bathurst Manor
Completely updated 3 bedroom bungalow with new kitchen, air conditioning & extra large rec room with fireplace. Loads of storage. Call Hilary Cohen 441-2888.

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New Listing Prestigious Location on Beardmore Cres.
$229,000 Superb entertaining sized home. Fabulous landscaping. Unparalleled decor. 4 huge bedrooms, 4 baths, gourmet kitchen, rosewood panelled family room with fireplace, heated inground pool, sauna, whirlpool. Bea Estrin 441-2888.

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Exclusive 2 Storey Bayview-Cummer Beauty
$131,900 Superb family home four huge bedrooms, gourmet appliances kitchen, large living room, separate dining room, finished basement, fireplace, lovely lot and more. Iris Winebaum and Joel Kaplansky 441-2888.

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New Exclusive — $279,000 — Beaver Hall — Bob White
"UCCI RESALE" Excellent layout with large gourmet kitchen, floating staircase, 5 bedrooms, master with lounge & huge en suite. Finished lower level, a perfect family home on the ravine. Michelle Noar 441-2888.

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Outstanding Georgian & Pool — $234,500
Magnificent centre hall plan. 5 bedrooms, luxuriously finished in all levels. Fabulous garden with 20x40 inground marble pool. Bayview-Steeles area. Judy Horvath 441-2888.

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Denlow Estates — York Mills $179,900
Superb spacious 4 bedroom, 2 storey home, central air, main floor family, powder & laundry rooms, completely finished lower level plus sauna. Many super features. Marion Alberger 441-2888.

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Chaplin Estates — First Ad
$126,500 Don't miss this special 2 storey 4 bedroom home with long burning fireplace. Walkout to cedar deck. Expensive gumwood trim. Leaded windows. Finished basement. Call Judy Gardiner 441-2888.

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Bayview-Cummer-Executive 2 Storey
Home in mint condition features 4 huge bedrooms, master en suite, separate dining room, appliances kitchen, panelled den, family room with stone fireplace, mature landscaping. Call Joel Kaplansky or Iris Winebaum 441-2888.

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Prestigious Banbury-Heathcote
"UCCI" Throughout. Magnificent 4 bedroom, 7 baths, floating open oak staircase. Superb separate living and dining rooms, beautifully appointed kitchen, custom family room, unique sunken master. His & Hers en suite. Reduced $269,000. Call Joel Kaplansky or Iris Weinbaum 441-2888.

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Eglinton-Avenue Road — New Exclusive
$134,900 A combination of old world charm and modern decor. Centre hall 4 bedroom, updated home, 2 washrooms, 2 fireplaces, leaded windows, gumwood trim, private drive with garage. See with Ethel Goldman 441-2888.

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Bathurst-Eglinton — 2 Stores & 2 Apartments
Commercial Exclusive
Estate Sale asking $225,000. Vendor will hold first mortgage. Excellent location. Suitable as an investment or possession possible of one store. Call Ronald Baker 441-2888.

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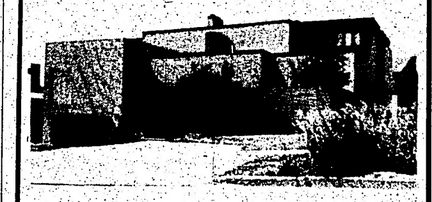

$495,000 — Contemporary On Misty Crescent
Indoor Pool
Over 10,000 square feet of fabulous living space. Built by foremost architect! Grand enough to entertain any size party. Elise Kalles 441-2888.

Harvey Kalles MLS 441-2888

HOUSES FOR SALE

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Bathurst-Glencairn
Magnificent 5 level split 4 spacious bedrooms, main floor family room, 7 baths, 2 separate apartments on lower level. For more details on this exquisite home call Mrs. Rybak 789-7111.

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Hillhurst-Alexandra Wood
Attractive 8 room split bungalow, 4 bedrooms (2 extremely large) ultra kitchen, magnificent main floor family room, 3 baths, finished basement, loads of expensive extras. Owner leaving country. Mrs. Rybak 789-7111.

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Bathurst-Lawrence—$71,900
Charming 6 room brick 2 storey living room—open fireplace, spacious modern kitchen, garage, large lot, broadloom, drapes, dishwasher, many extras. Mrs. Rybak, 789-7111.

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Luxury Condominium—$15,000 Down to One Mtge.
Beautifully decorated fully equipped with finest appliances. Laundry room in apartment. Cedar closets, pool, and much more. Must be sold! Mrs. Mosten 789-7111 or 782-0942.

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Leslie-Steeles—Bungalow
Luxury 7 room bungalow, very spacious, features ultra kitchen, king size master with 4 piece en suite 2 other baths, main floor laundry and panelled family room with open fireplace and walkout to patio, attached double garage, finished basement, excellent financing. Uri Kalfa 789-7111.

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Condo — Marlee-Glencairn
$42,500. Lovely 2 bedroom, large kitchen, king size master, en suite laundry room or den, broadloom, appliances, indoor pool, sauna and more. Short walk to subway. Mrs. Rybak 789-7111.

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Bathurst Manor—Priced To Sell
Spotless 6 room bungalow. Finished self-contained basement, attached garage. Mrs. Solnik 789-7111.

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Bathurst-Eglinton
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Bathurst Y.M.H.A. "Beauty"
$199,000 6,800 Sq. Ft.
Executive custom built in mint condition. 4 bdrms. backsplit, huge living-dining, large kitchen, w/o's to balcony, huge master bdrm., bath ensuite, walk-in closets, large family rm., fireplace, rec rm., maid's suite, 2 car garage. Don't miss. Mrs. Seidman. 635-1170.

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Leslie-Sheppard — $159,900
Executive custom built 2 storey. Spanish court, 4 twin sized bdrms., 3 baths, huge living-dining, w/o's, den, 2 fireplaces, family rm., rec rm., 2 car garage. First time offered. Mrs. Seidman. 635-1170.

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Bathurst-Finch $31,700
Solid brick bldg. 2 bdrm. apt. Balcony, elevator, appliances, air-condition, garage. Mrs. Seidman. 635-1170.

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Bathurst-Sheppard $75,000
Solid brick det. 6 rm. bungalow, 3 bdrms., large lot, priv. dr. Near TTC, shops. Mrs. Seidman. 635-1170.

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Bathurst-Drewry-Charlton
$97,900 Brick 2 Storey 4 Bdrms.
Custom built, modern kitchen, built-in appliances, 2 baths, rec rm., fireplace, dble. garage, new listing. Mr. Seidman. 635-1170.

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Bathurst-Wilson $112,900
Transfer Sale A-1 Buy
Solid brick 3 bdrms., den, family rm., 2 fireplaces, modern up-to-date kitchen appliances, rec. rm., central air & more. Near TTC, schools, synagogues. Don't miss. Mr. Seidman. 635-1170.

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Bathurst South of Finch
Beautiful Townhouse
$82,500. Contains 2,100 sq. ft. 3 bdrms., 3 baths, Hollywood kitchen, circular stairs, central air. $$ extras $$. 33' frontage! Z. Oberndorffer. 635-1170.

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Bathurst-Steeles $72,900
Impeccable 4 bdrm. 2 storey. 2 baths, huge kitchen, family rm., garage. Terrific value! Mrs. Kendall. 635-1170.

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Bathurst North of Wilson
$112,000 New Listing
Beautiful 6 rm. bungalow in superb condition. Built by present owner. Self-contained lower level. Many extras. Owner holds mtge. Mr. Weinman. 635-1170.

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Bathurst-Steeles
$72,900. Beautifully maintained 4 bdrm. 2 storey 2 bathrms., family rm., garage. Don't miss the opportunity! Mrs. Kendall. 635-1170.

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Bayview-Finch-Bargain
$79,900 Walking distance to synagogue. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, sauna. Brick bungalow, finished basement, garage, all on a beautiful lot. Call Liss Christensen 226-4990.
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4 Bedroom Townhouse Owners Have Bought!!
Bathurst & Steeles. Magnificent home. Move in directly. 5 new appliances. Central Air. Electronic Air cleaner. Gas barbecue, upgraded broadloom. Exquisite draperies & blinds. Open fireplace. Balcony off master. Call Ruth Trachter 633-7777.

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Bathurst Village Exceptional Value!
Price slashed! 8 room backsplit. Gorgeous kitchen with built in appliances. Family room walkout. 3 washrooms. Central Air, double garage & more! Clare Kane 633-7777.

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Bathurst & Sheppard 5 Room Bungalow
On quiet street. Huge lot and attached garage. Finished basement. Nat Stein 633-7777

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Bathurst & Steeles Bargain Hunters
Lovely 4 bedrm. Townhome. Finished basement, all appliances, close to schools, TTC. Easy financing. Bring an offer! Ellen Fisher 633-7777.

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Bathurst & Lawrence 6 Room Bungalow
$89,900. Spacious home; close to all amenities. Finished basement. Quiet street. Attached garage. Roslyn Karten 633-7777.

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Forest Hills Super Cond.
3 bedrooms, spacious A-1 condition. Florida Rooms. 2-4 pc. washrooms. Luxury! Great demand for this location. Buddy Rotenberg 633-7777.

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Bayview—South of Steeles
$174,900. Stunning centre hall 2 storey on beautifully landscaped 151' lot. Gorgeous kitchen walkout. Main floor family room and laundry room. Fabulous rec. room, bar. Maid's room. Many expensive extras include central air, air cleaner, electric garage door. Immaculate! Barbara Glenny, 449-2020, 225-2373.

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York Mills-Banbury-Pool
$259,000 Drastic reduction. Executive residence—sunken court yard—interlocking brick drive. 4 bedrooms. 2 ens. baths. Main floor den & family room, gourmet kitchen —daylight ceiling, finished lower level—sauna. Sandi Kert 449-2020.

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Leslie-Finch, Reduced
$134,900. Pool. 4 bedrooms. Super centre hall 2 storey, main den, powder room. Modern kitchen. Oak panelled lower level, family room. Huge fireplace, games room. Lovely landscaping, move in condition. Annette Donnenfield 449-2020.

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Custom Finish, Bayview-Steeles
$319,000. 3,400 sq. ft.—finished to your taste. Impressive 2 storey—entrance hall. Ceramic tile circular staircase. Oak panelled main floor den & family room. Huge white Arborite kitchen. Extra large lot. Sandi Kert 449-2020.

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New Exclusive—Quality On Misty Cres.
$485,000 10 spacious rooms on magnificently landscaped property. Main floor library—rosewood panelled, main floor family room in walnut. Finished lower level with walkout. Joan Lundstrom 449-2020.

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Skymark II — 27th Floor
$950 month RENTAL. 2 bedroom, den, panoramic view. 1 year lease Sept. 1. All appliances and broadloom. Adult building. George Donenfield 449-2020.

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Bathurst-Glencairn
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Just Listed!
Steeles-Leslie. Super luxury 2 storey semi, on child safe crescent. Extra large 4 bdrms., modern eat-in kitchen, sought after neighborhood. Call Mrs. Bielas 226-5052. H. Jakobs Ltd. Realtor.

HOUSES FOR SALE

Brand Spanking New
Central Willowdale. Choice of backsplit or 2 storey. 3 or 4 bdrms., ensuite. Main floor family & laundry. Near Beth Tikvah synagogue. $129,900. 3 only! So hurry! Call Rick Payne 226-0803, 225-4567.
Canada Trust Realtor

Charlton Blvd. Executive
Just listed! 2 superb 4 bedroom backsplits. Gorgeous Hollywood kitchen, main floor family rooms with fireplaces and walkout. Both with central air, 3 & 4 bathrooms. Jeff Weller 226-4990 5 min. reply. 494-3624 pager 1405.
Ogden Re. Ltd. Realtor

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Executive Coreydale Ravine — $275,000
Unique 2 storey custom built home, about 6,500 sq. ft. of luxury, architecturally designed, situated and backing onto 171' treed ravine lot, fully equipped gourmet kitchen, family room & den, 2 fireplaces, skylights over double staircase, finished basement, picture windows. Must be seen to be appreciated! Ahuva Benegbi 224-2800.

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Finch & Leslie — Reduced to $93,900
Pleasure to show! 4 bedroom 2 storey, main floor powder room, attached garage, pool size lot. Quiet area. Sarah Rovet 224-2800.

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Bathurst-Steeles — $15,000. Down — 1 Mortgage
Solid brick 3 bedroom, huge living-dining rooms, beautiful finished basement, attached garage. Vendor bought. Huge garden. Mr. Pister 224-2800.

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Bathurst & Invermay
Magnificent 2 storey, 3 bedrooms, completely finished basement, main floor den, many extras. Evelyn Pollock 224-2800.

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Wilson & Bathurst — Triplex
Two 3 bedroom apartments, 1-2 bedroom apartment, extra large rooms, parking for 4-6 cars.

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Clanton Park Area — $159,000 — 1 Year New
Beautiful 2 storey, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, family room, main floor laundry & open fireplace, finished basement, separate entrance, circular stairway, double garage, oak cabinets in kitchen and much more. Ahuva Benegbi 224-2800.

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Bayview & Cummer — Well Priced — $139,900
Beautiful 4 bedroom backsplit, family room & fireplace, Hollywood kitchen, finished basement, central air, cedar closet, many extras. Ahuva Benegbi 224-2800.

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The Bridle Path — $275,000
Gorgeous bungalow, 3 bedrooms, 4 baths, enormous living room, separate dining room, 2 fireplaces, Hollywood kitchen, finished basement and separate maid's quarters, pool size lot, excellent location. Ahuva Benegbi 224-2800.

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The Bridle Path — $535,000
Georgian classic, 3 years new, about 5500 sq. ft. of luxury, 6 king-sized bedrooms, 6 baths, 3 fireplaces, hand finished oak floors and cabinets, supreme gourmet ktichen & fireplace BBQ, family room & den, indoor swimming pool & sauna, walk-out basement, built in brick wet bar. The most luxurious and elegant decor. Ahuva Benegbi 224-2800.

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Don Mills & McNicoll — New Listing — Only $66,900
Exceptional value — 3 bedroom 2 storey home with w/o from dining room to landscaped and fenced lot. Finished lower level, close to all amenities. Jules Goldstein 224-2800.

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Bathurst & Drewry — Reduced to Sell!
Detached 2 storey 3 bedroom townhome on extra large fenced lot! Central air, finished family room with fireplace, custom sheers, plush broadloom, 5 appliances. Large 10% first mortgage! Ellie Golstein 224-2800.

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Leslie-Finch $25,000 Down — Contemporary
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UJA mission visits the old and very new

By WENDY LITWACK

MONTREAL—
Last winter, I led 16 Canadian women, from nine different cities, on the United Jewish Appeal women's mission, called "Jewish Routes," which took us from 'remembrance' in Poland, through 'rebirth' in Vienna, to 'renewal' in Israel.

The sharing of experiences is a magic formula for cohesion, and this group of women, strangers at the outset, 'gelled' right from the start. Their goal was to strengthen their sense of Jewish identity and deepen their understanding of our Jewish roots.

Our three days in Poland were a microcosm of the last 40 years of Jewish history. Even the sunny Warsaw day, couldn't mask the grey and gloom which penetrated our hearts, as we witnessed what remains of Polish Jewry. The Warsaw Ghetto, Mila 18, the Umschlagplatz, and even the unheated synagogue, serve merely as memorials to the 350,000 Jews who lived in Warsaw before the war.

"It is being restored..." was a sentence we were to hear often in reference to anything Jewish. We couldn't help but feel anger and bitterness in noting that 85% of the city of Warsaw, levelled to rubble during the war, had been re-built in seven years, from 1945-52, while Jewish sites, 34 years later, are still in the process of being restored.

The Archives Room of the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw contains shelves of documents which represent the history of the Jews of Poland; identity cards, passports, lists of victims, lists of survivors, and other historical data. Three million of the 3.25 million Jews living in Poland prior to 1939 are now reduced to a room of paper!

The few thousand Jews who remain in Poland today are all pensioners, over the age of 65. Twenty years from now will see the reality of the final solution—Poland will be **judenrein**.

we were seeing and feeling. We mourned the painful loss of a Jewish culture, nipped before budding.

Equally as painful was the full realization of the loss of generations of Jews yet unborn, unable to carry on the traditions of the Jewish people.

An overnight train ride through Poland and Czechoslovakia, bridged the transition from remembrance to rebirth. We thrilled as we disembarked from our train, which had originated in Moscow, to see Soviet Jews take their first steps into freedom. As we sat with many of them, during interviews held at the Joint Distribution Committee offices, we understood that a dearth of information in Russia, about Judaism and Israel, causes them to elect places other than Israel as their final destination.

Our evening in Vienna was enhanced by the hour spent with Simon Wiesenthal, who strengthened our resolve to tell the tragic story of the Holocaust over and over again.

The actual moment of arrival in Israel is always filled with great excitement, but to touch down at Ben-Gurion Airport after being in Poland, is an overwhelming experience. Never did our homeland look so sweet! We spent 10 days learning and understanding—feeling the pulse of the country, through meetings with both top governmental officials and the average Israeli.

The focus of the Israeli portion of our mission was on renewal—Project Renewal—Prime Minister Menachem Begin's pledge to eradicate poverty in Israel within five years.

Our unique mission, from remembrance through rebirth to renewal, reinforced the feeling that being Jewish is special. It reinforced, too, the fact that Israel is so very vital to the continuity of the Jewish people. Israel, a country where no one expects miracles, yet everyone takes them for granted. Israel, a land which gives every Jew everywhere, an identity.

Our Jewish routes mission instilled in all of those women who participated, a greater understanding of our past and a deeper commitment to preserve that which our people have cherished for generations —survival.

David Azriel takes CZF post

MONTREAL —
David J. Azrieli has been elected president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Eastern Region. He replaces Col. Joel Wolfe, who became honorary president of the Region.

Azrieli was the overall chairman of the Montreal Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations for the 31st anniversary of the state of Israel. He has been actively involved in the Jewish community and Israel-centred organizations for many years.

He is on the board of directors of the Jewish National Fund, Canadian Technion Society, State of Israel Bonds Organization, and Yeshiva University, and represented the Zionist Organization on the Eastern Region executive.

Azrieli has been especially interested in Jewish education, and is on the board of directors of Solomon Schechter Academy, United Talmud Torahs, and the board of governors of the Teacher Training Institute, among others.

An arch-designer, builder, and developer, he received an honorary Doctorate of Law degree at Concordia University and has been honored by many Jewish organizations. He served as an officer of the Israel Defence Forces during the War of Independence and took part in the liberation of Jerusalem.

OBITUARIES

Beckerman, Ida on June 30, 1979 late of 514 Glengarry Ave.
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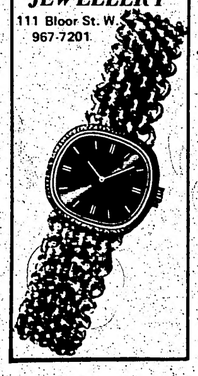

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Ben Dunkelman, national commander of Jewish War Veterans of Canada, lays wreath at City Hall on Holocaust Remembrance Day. Also present are members of Royal Canadian Legion. Dunkelman, a businessman, was war hero.

Canadian Jewish war vets to tell their untold story

Voice of aroused Jewish war vets speaks on all issues of human, Jewish concern

By BEVERLEY STERN
[First of three parts]

TORONTO—

How many Canadians know of the extent of Canadian Jewish military contribution in the last war, the bitter price that was paid or the heroism of its patriots?

It is an unsung song.

But the memory of the 16,883 enlistments, 839 casualties and 197 decorated for valor deserves better. And an organization called the Jewish War Veterans of Canada is setting up to crack through the 34 years of silence surrounding the exploits of Canadian Jewish servicemen in the Canadian armed forces and in such allied forces as the Russians, Americans and the British.

Most important, JWVC wants to become a political voice that will speak on all issues of human as well as Jewish concern.

After the war, Canadian Jewish servicemen joined the Royal Canadian Legion and acted with them on all veterans' affairs. With the Canadian government both a generous and concerned patron for those who had served the nation in battle, benefits and services to veterans ran smoothly.

By 1969, Canadian Jewish war veterans were still content to be part of the Royal Canadian Legion, but more than ever they wanted an independent organization which would express their collective voice not only in world and Canadian affairs, but more importantly, on Jewish affairs.

"We want the freedom to act with existing Jewish organizations giving our support to Israel, civil rights for Soviet Jews and the fight against anti-Semitism," said Max Clement, JWVC's adjutant in its Toronto branch.

"Furthermore, it was a good opportunity to draw attention to the Jewish Canadian war experience which was an important chapter in the history of Jewish life in Canada," added Clement, who fought with the famous Canadian 48th Highlanders in Italy. (Clement returned home in December 1945 with a black patch over a missing eye after being hit by shrapnel from an 88 mm. German cannon shot.)

The story of the JWVC begins in October 1968, says Clement, when three Jewish war veterans, Lt. Colonel Joel Wolfe CD, and Joe Lewis and Al Cutler obtained a federal charter for the formation of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada.

Beginning an ambitious campaign for membership, the three founded a national organization that today has eight posts or branches across Canada with about 3,000 members.

The Toronto post alone has 600 members including well-known Jewish personalities such as Eddie Goodman, Ben Dunkelman (who is national commander of JWVC), Barney Danson, Leo Heaps, Carl Keyfetz, and many others.

A former flyweight boxing champ in Toronto, who served as a captain and instructor in the American army, 28th division, in Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania, Gordon Segall is the executive officer of the JWVC.

Segall, now living in Canada, said that the JWVC still works on many matters with the Royal Canadian Legion and other veteran organizations. Also, JWVC members are both members and officers in the other groups.

"With the Legion," said Segall, "the JWVC protested the Statute of Limitations outside the West German embassy in Toronto. Jointly, the Legion also participated with JWVC in the Holocaust Remembrance Day services at city hall."

"We will also join forces on issues relating to Canadian unity, pollution or any matter of national concern," Segall continued.

In international conferences of Jewish war veterans from all over the world, and with Canadian Jewish organizations such as the B'nai B'rith, Segall revealed that the JWVC addresses itself to events such as the coming Russian Olympics, and just recently, the Vietnamese refugees.

"The JWVC has 62 former Russian war veterans, and represents about six different countries where Jews served in the armed forces," Segall remarked, "so its mandate is definitely international in scope and increasingly political as it gains in numbers."

Commander of the Toronto post, Judge Herbert Levy stressed, however, that the JWVC works primarily in consonance with other groups, and that it is not interested in introducing another Jewish organization per se.

"Primarily," he added, "we are interested in expressing the views of those who volunteered their service in the last war particularly."

Above all, the manifesto of the JWVC, in its stated concern for human brotherhood, civil rights and justice wants to act as a watchdog against anymore horsemen of the Apocalypse, he said.

"In 1939, when the Hamburg American ship, the St. Louis, with its homeless Jewish exiles, was turned back, we all bled quietly," comments Levy. "Jewish communities then did not have the vigor or solidarity to speak up. We were afraid to focus attention on ourselves alone when everyone else seemed to be making such terrible sacrifices."

The time is December, 1943; the place is Halifax and the occasion is a going-away party for Jewish troops on their way to war.

More Jews leaving USSR

NEW YORK [JTA]—

Based on the first six months of the year, it appears certain that Soviet Jewish emigration in 1979 will break all records, according to the Soviet Jewry Research Bureau of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ). It pointed out that the tally from January to June is 24,794, projecting a total for 1979 of nearly 50,000.

This year, the number of emigres arriving in Vienna from the USSR will almost double the 28,864 Soviet Jews who left in 1978.

The significant rise in emigration will unquestionably put 1979 in the lead with the largest number of Soviet Jewish emigres, the NCSJ noted. The highest annual emigration until this year was 34,733 in 1973. Conversely, the NCSJ added, as emigration from the USSR steadily increases, the percentage of Soviet Jews arriving in Israel is steadily decreasing. Since January of this year, only 8,616 of the 24,794 emigrants have taken up residence in Israel. The percentage of Jews going to Israel for this same six-month period in 1978 was approximately 55%.

What is a Jew?

LONDON [JTA]—

The latest edition of **Collins English Dictionary** has dropped a definition of a Jew as a skinflint, miser or cheat. Collins, the publisher, said the change had been made because the usages were no longer appropriate. It denied that it has anything to do with Manchester businessman Marcus Shloimowitz, who has pressed dictionary publishers for the past 10 years to remove "vulgar" and "offensive" definitions of the word Jew. However, Shloimowitz said he was delighted by the change.

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